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HONORIFICS EXPLAINED

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha Comics not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics books.

- san*: This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama*: This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono*: This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.
- kun*: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms “kid” and “squirt.”

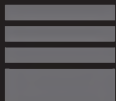
Sempai/

Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one’s senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as “sempai.” It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of “sempai” and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

Sensei: Literally meaning “one who has come before,” this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one’s name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn’t been earned, it can be very insulting.



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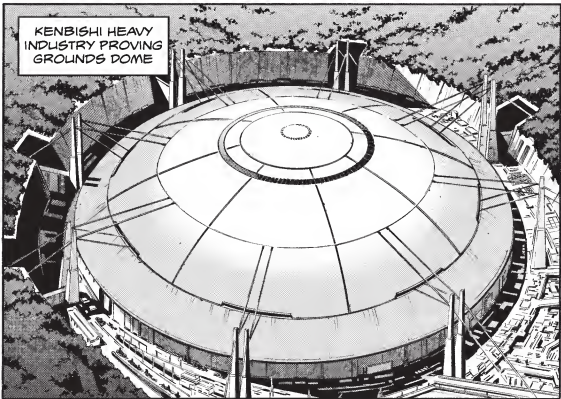
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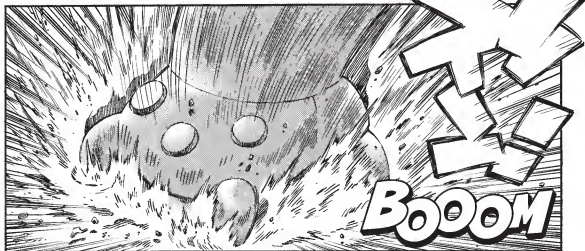
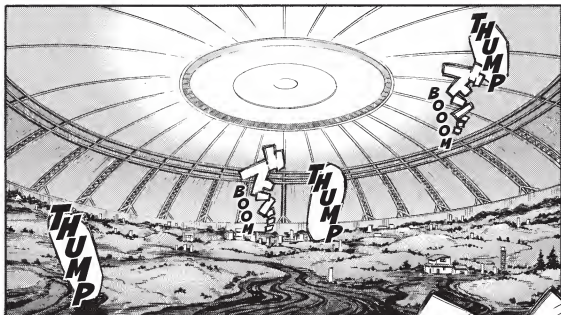


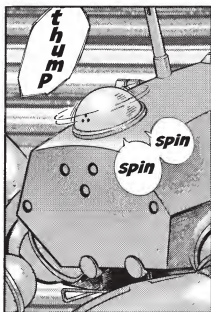
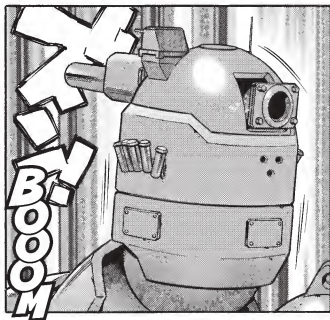
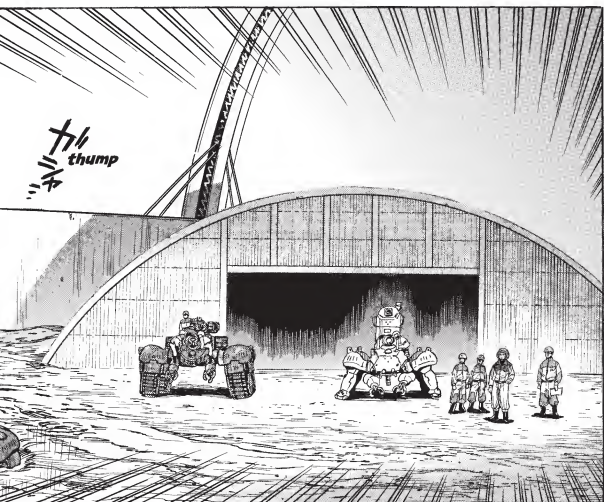
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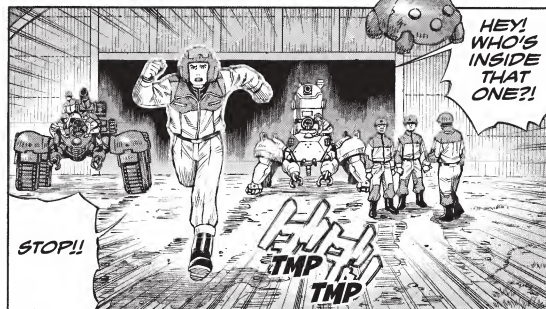
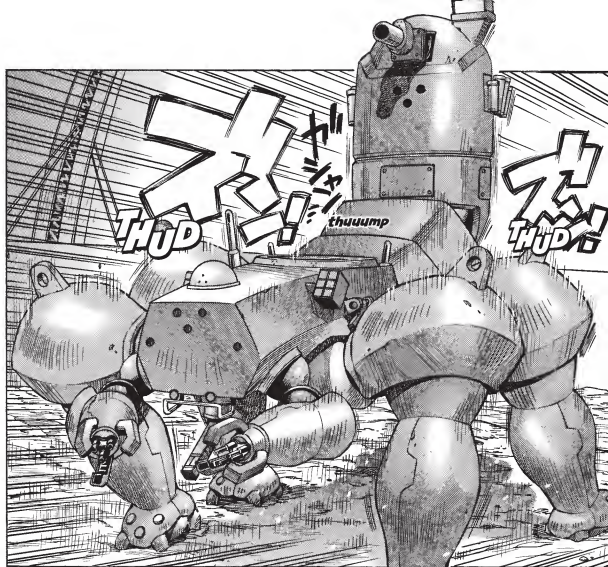


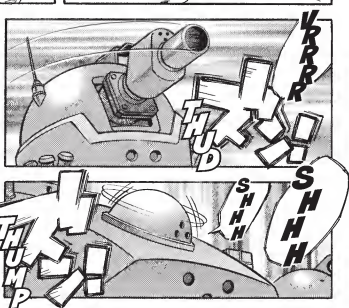
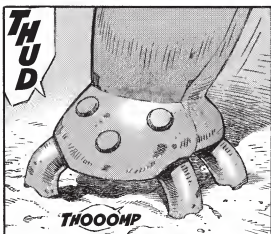
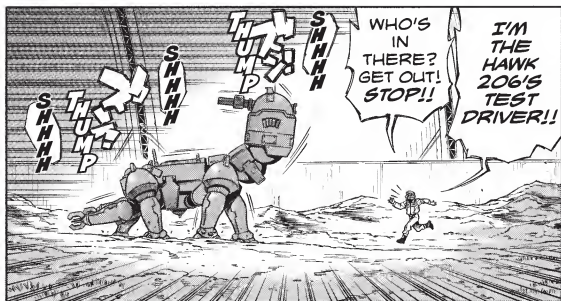
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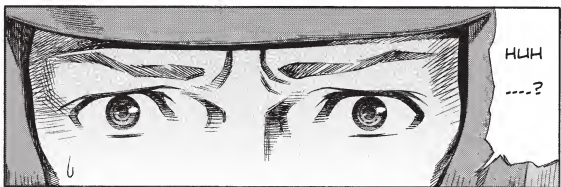
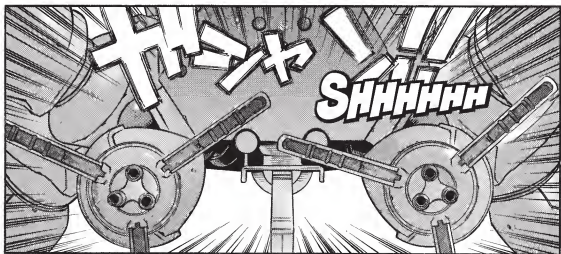
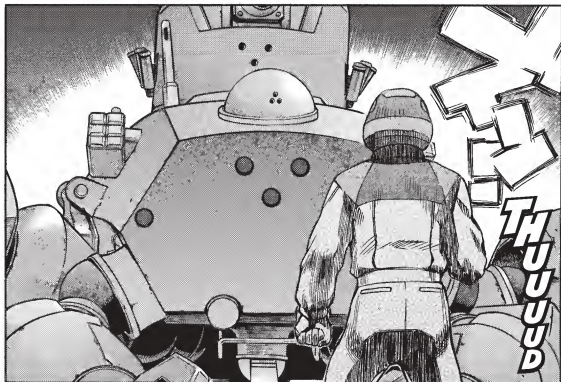


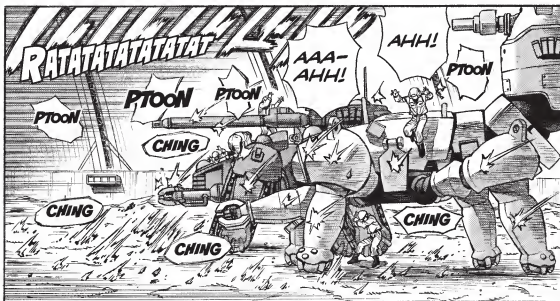
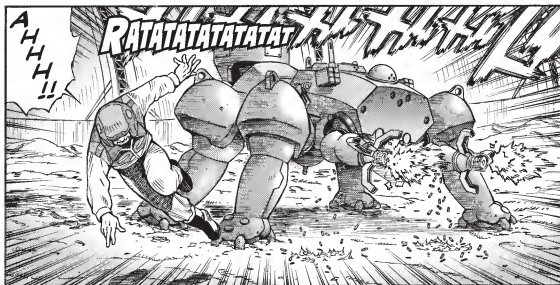
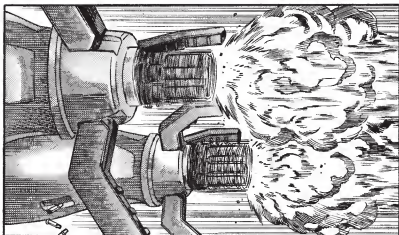


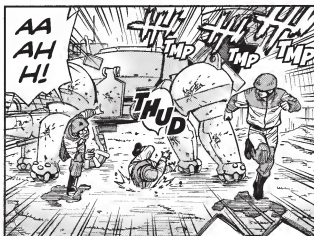
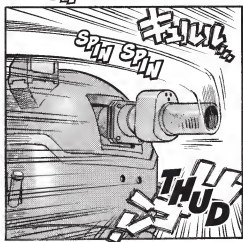
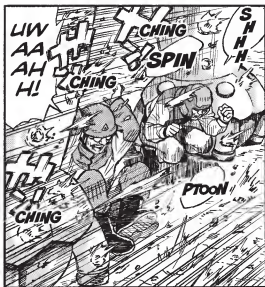
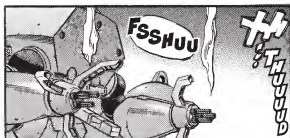


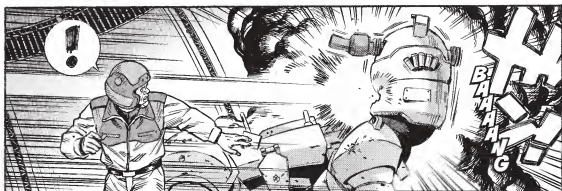
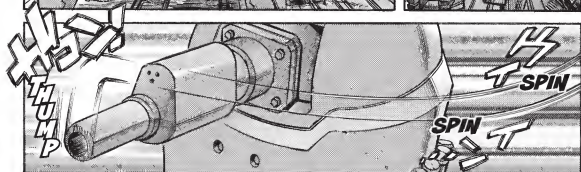
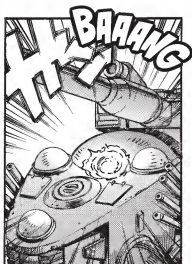
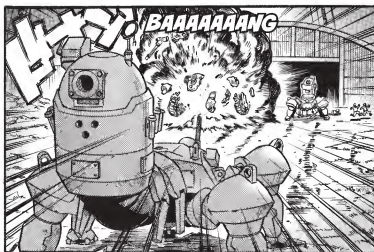


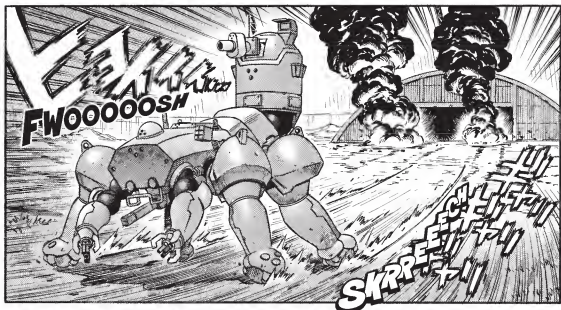


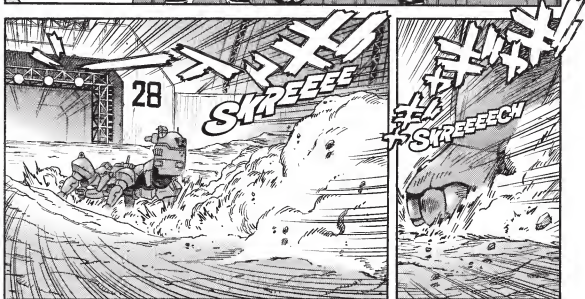


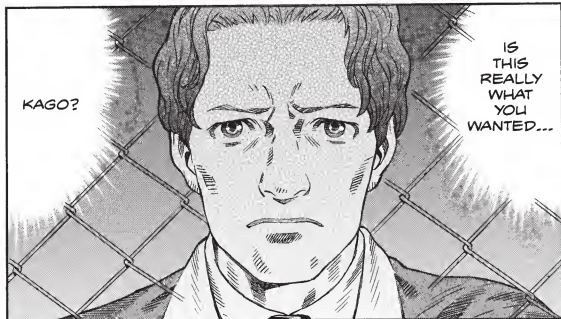
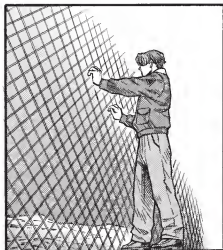


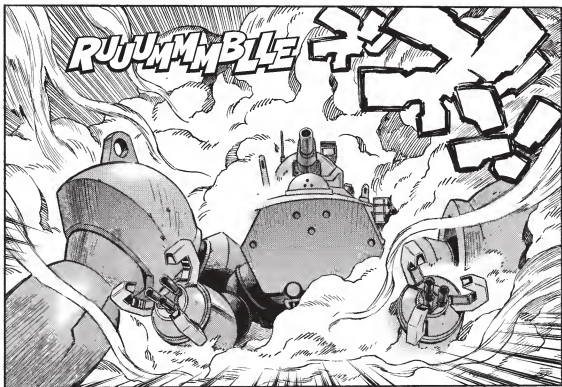
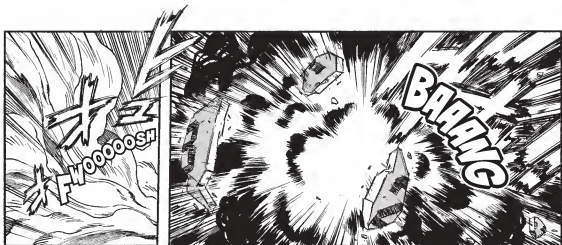




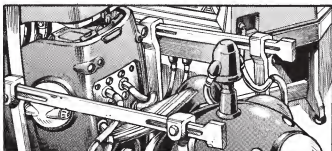
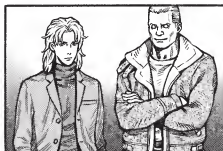
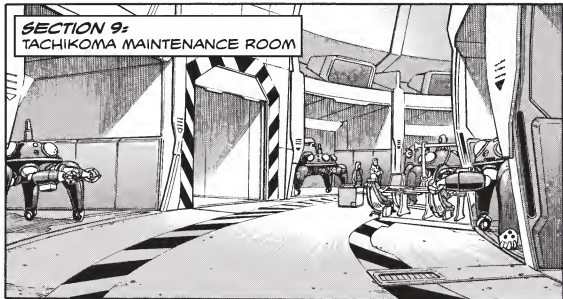








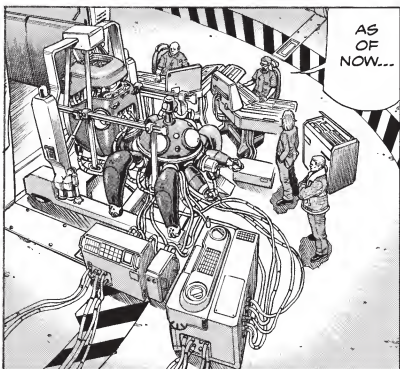
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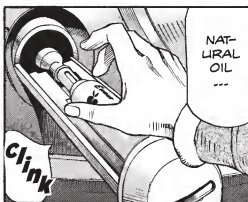
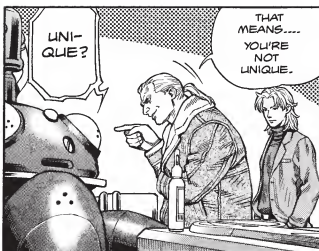


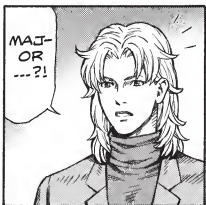
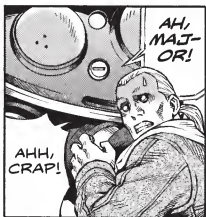
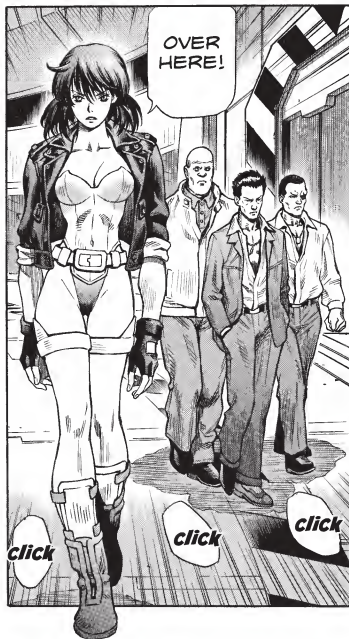
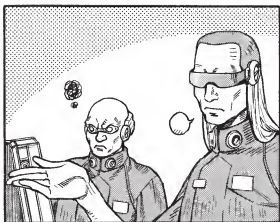
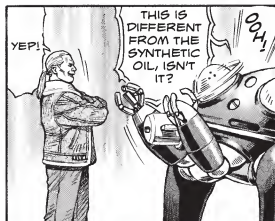
I'M NOT
DETECTING
ANY DIFFER-
ENCES
BETWEEN
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AS
OF
NOW...

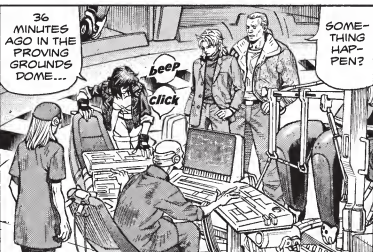








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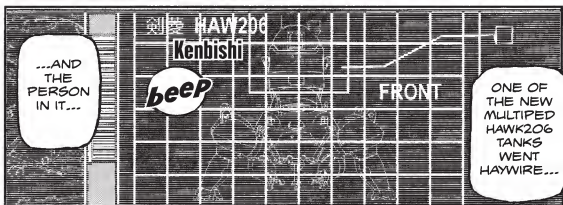


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MINUTES
AGO IN THE
PROVING
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DOME...

SOME-
THING
HAP-
PEN?

beep

click

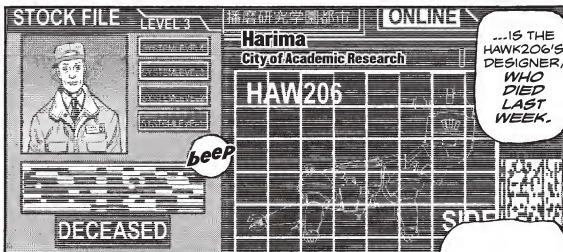


...AND
THE
PERSON
IN IT...

beep

FRONT

ONE OF
THE NEW
MULTIPLED
HAWK206
TANKS
WENT
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STOCK FILE

LEVEL 3

Harima

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HAW206

DECEASED

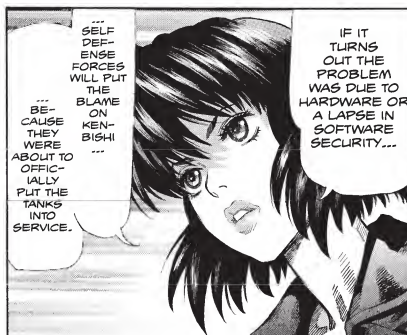
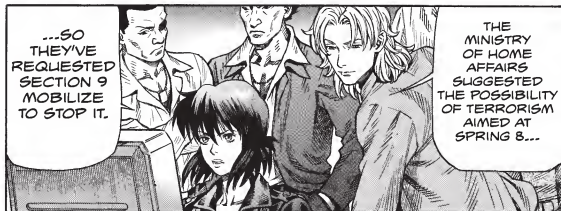
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DESIGNER,
WHO
DIED
LAST
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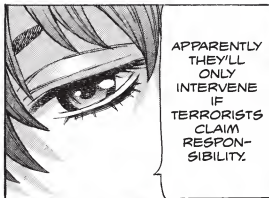
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SIDE



TAKESHI
KAGO.





APPARENTLY
THEY'LL
ONLY
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SIBILITY.



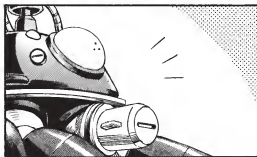
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SOUNDS
LIKE
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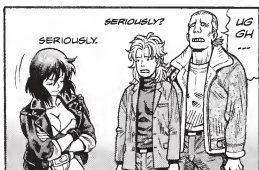
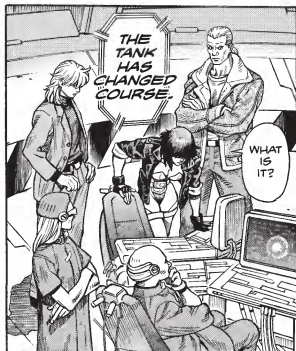
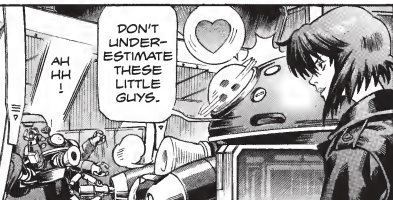
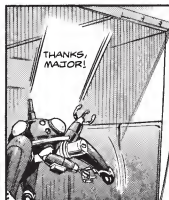
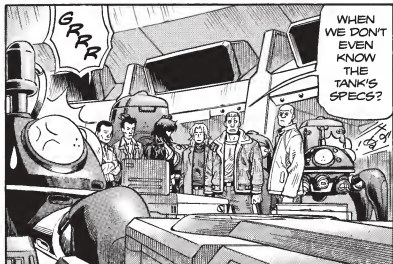


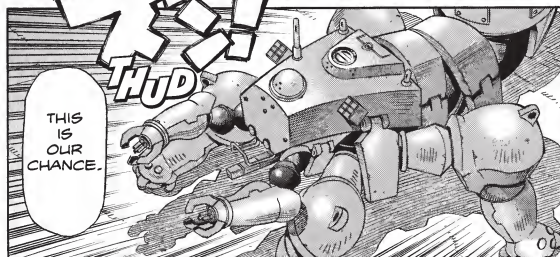
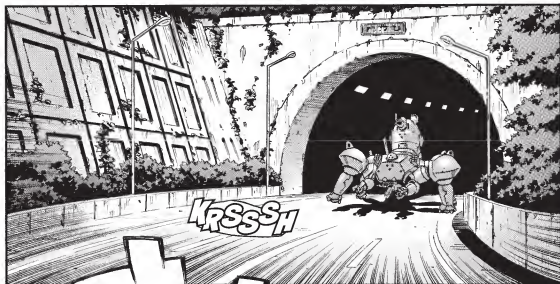
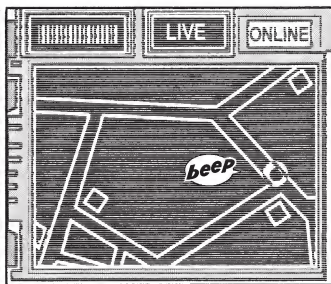
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TO STOP
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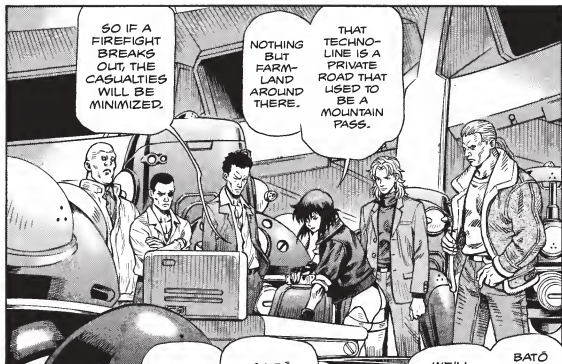
PREP
SIX
TACHIKOMAS
WITH
FULL
LOADOUTS!



TACHI-
KOMA?



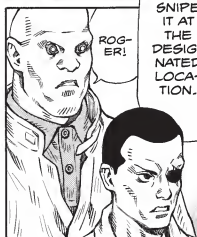




SO IF A
FIREFIGHT
BREAKS
OUT, THE
CASUALTIES
WILL BE
MINIMIZED.

NOTHING
BUT
FARM-
LAND
AROUND
THERE.

THAT
TECHNO-
LINE IS A
PRIVATE
ROAD THAT
USED TO
BE A
MOUNTAIN
PASS.



RO-
GER!

SNIFE
IT AT
THE
DESIG-
NATED
LOCA-
TION.

SAITO
AND
BORMA,
GET
READY TO
INTERCEPT
ON THE
HARIMA
TECHNO-
LINE.

YES,
MAJ-
OR!



WE'LL
STOP IT
WHERE IT
CAN DO
THE LEAST
AMOUNT OF
DAM-
AGE.

BATŌ
AND
I WILL
TAKE
THE 6
TACHIKO-
MAS.

GOT
IT.



DON'T
COME
CRYING
TO ME
IF IT
KICKS
YOUR
ASS!

LEAVE
THE
DAN-
GEROUS
STUFF
TO ME.

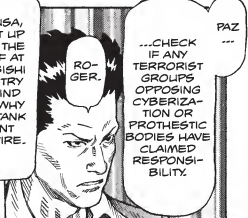
YOU
HEARD
HER.



WHA

RO-
GER

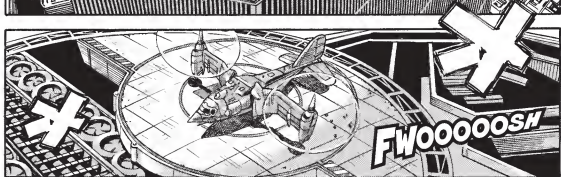
TOGUSA,
MEET UP
WITH THE
CHIEF AT
KENBISHI
AND TRY
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OUT WHY
THE TANK
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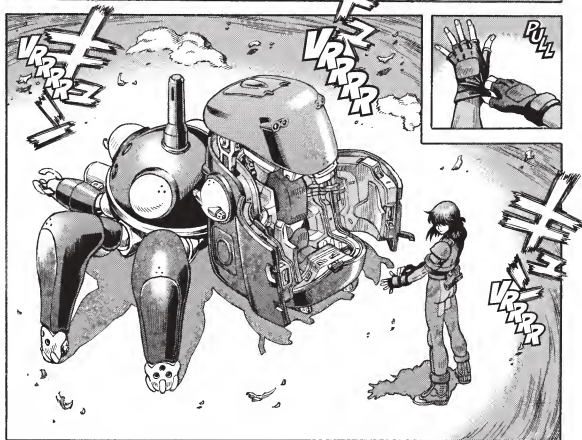
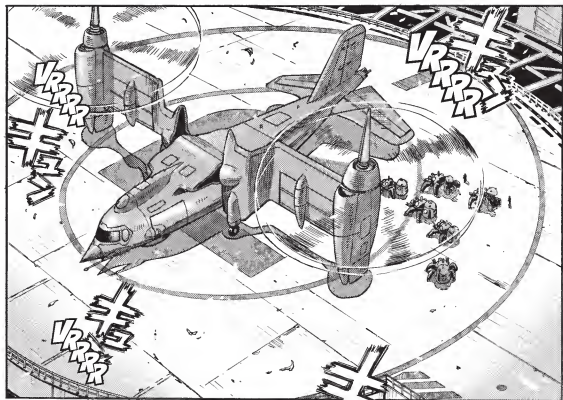


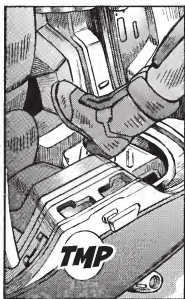
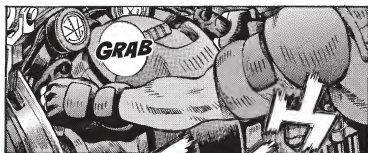
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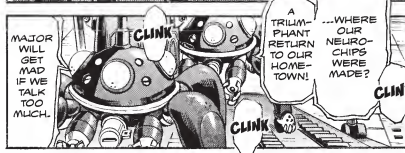
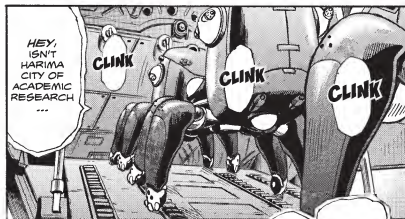
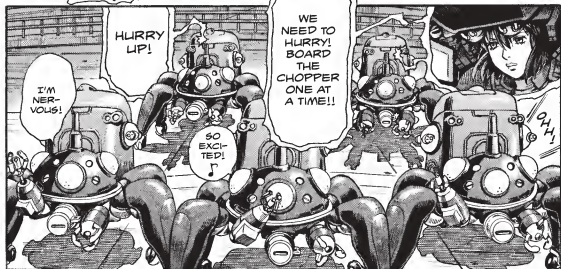
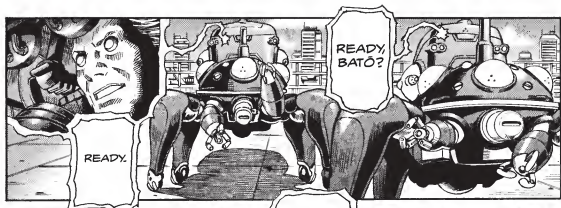
...CHECK
IF ANY
TERRORIST
GROUPS
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TION OR
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SIBILITY.

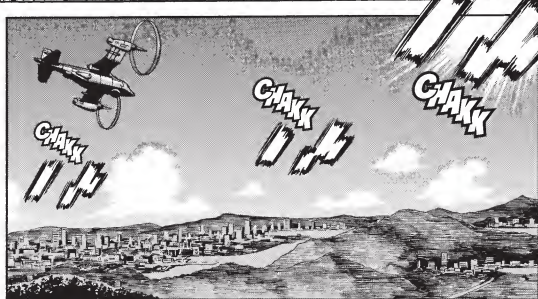
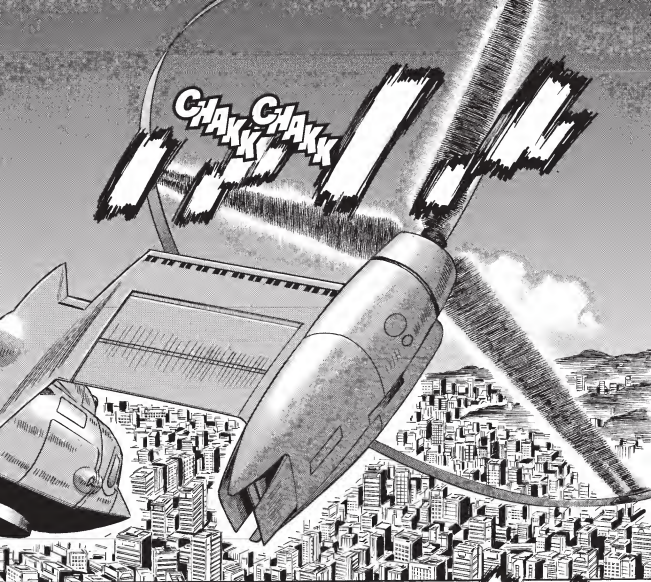
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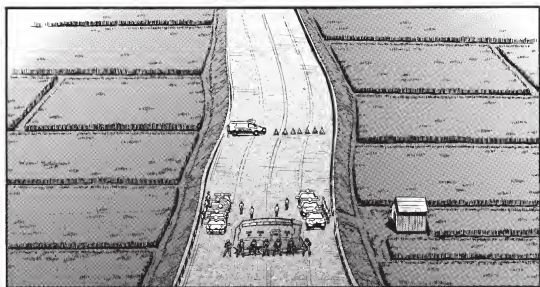


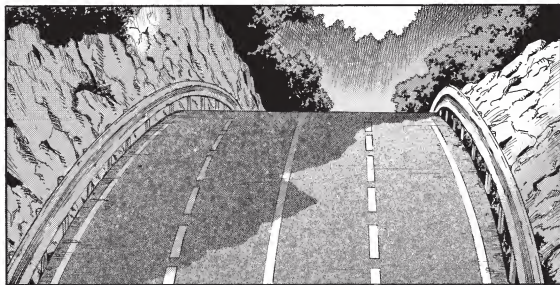
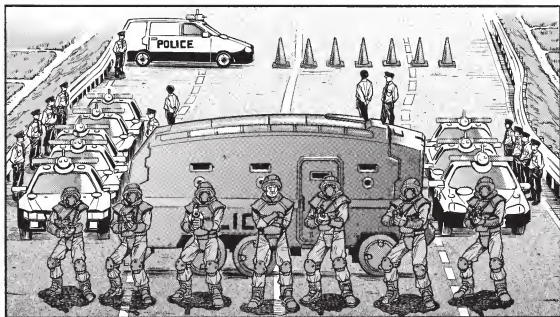


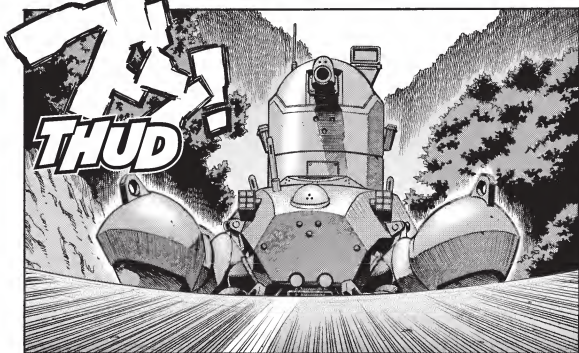
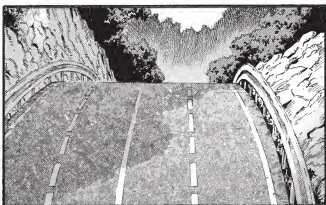


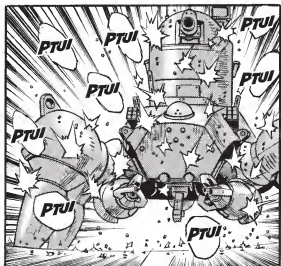
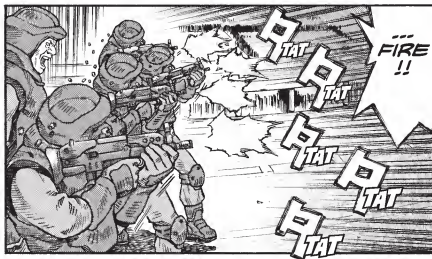


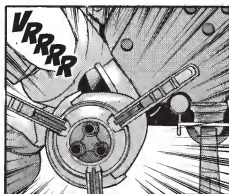
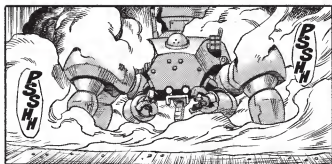


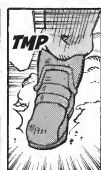
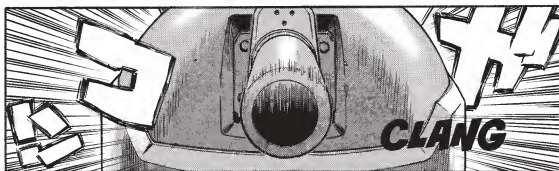
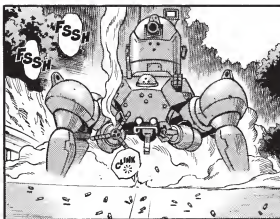
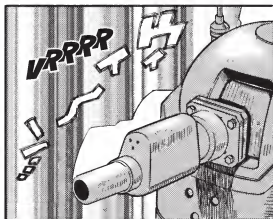


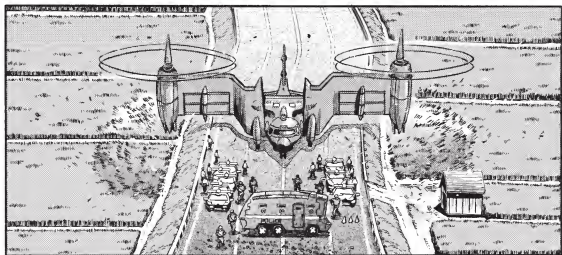
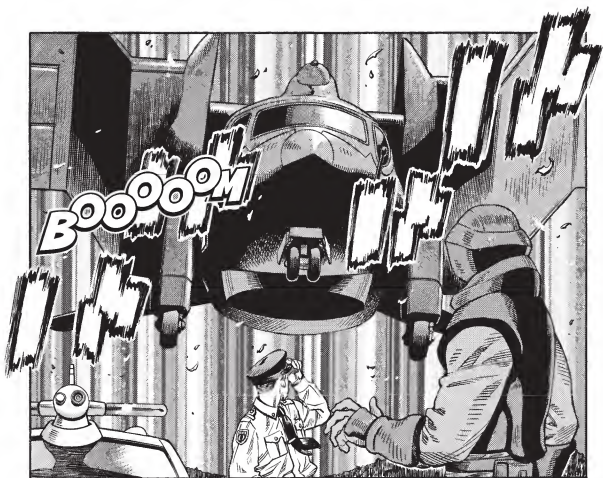


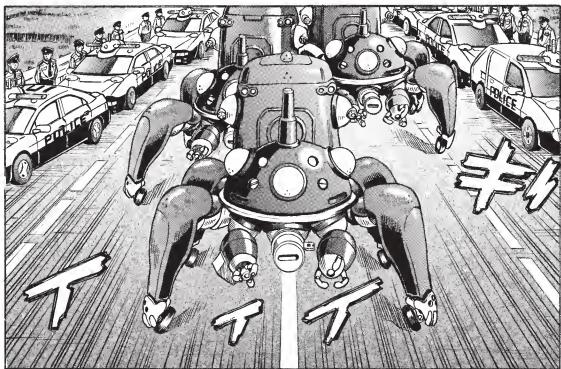
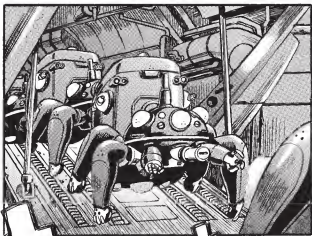
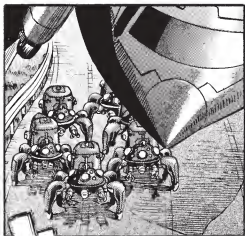


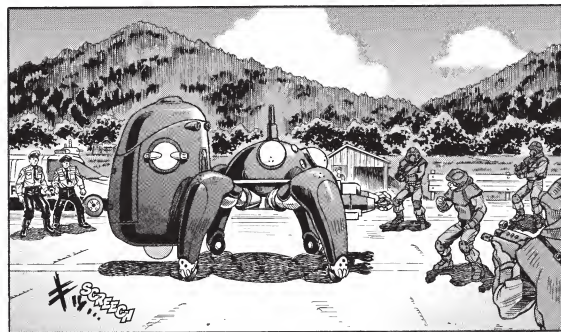
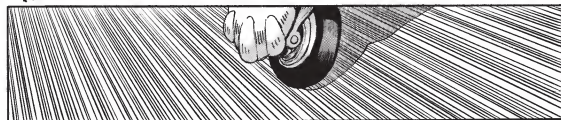
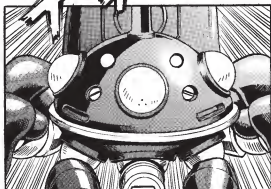


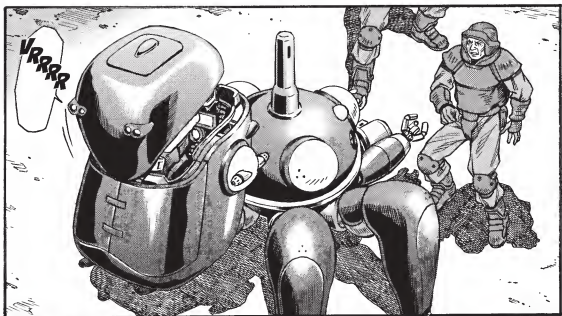
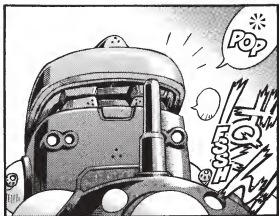




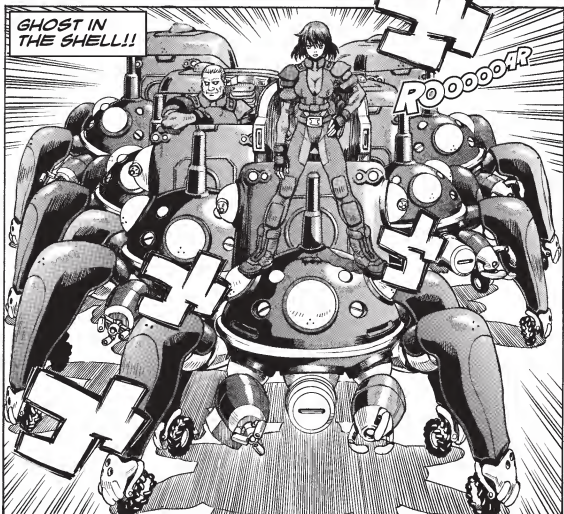
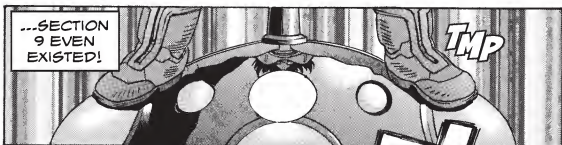
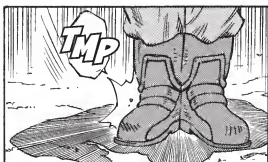






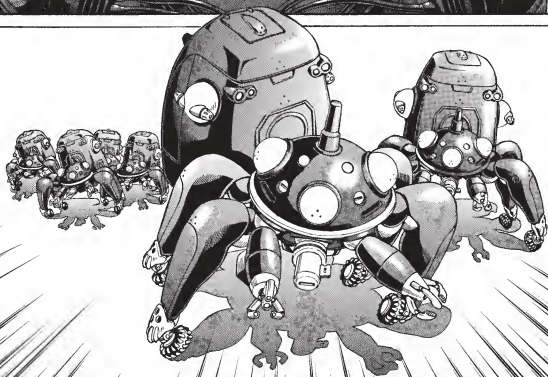
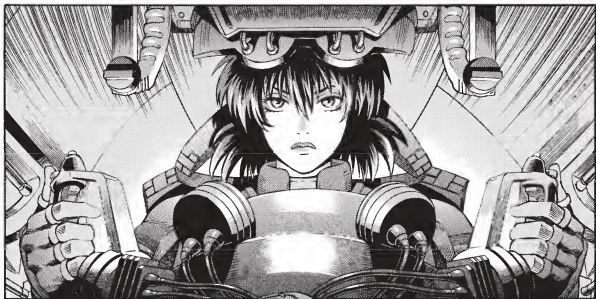


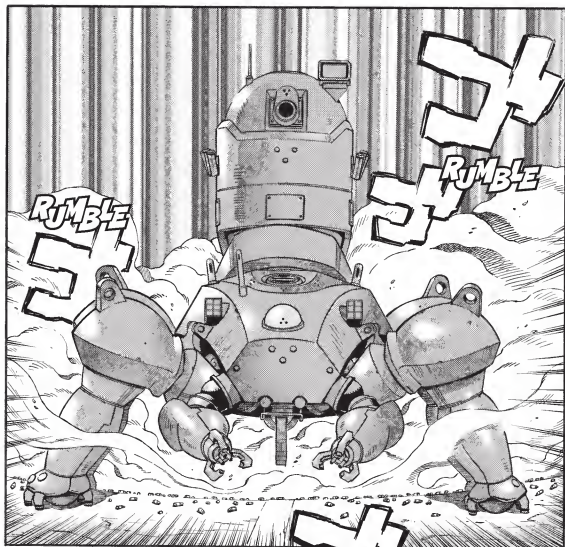


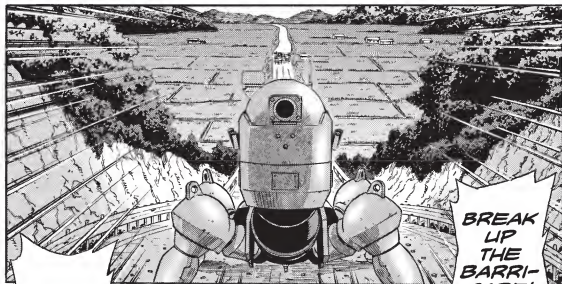


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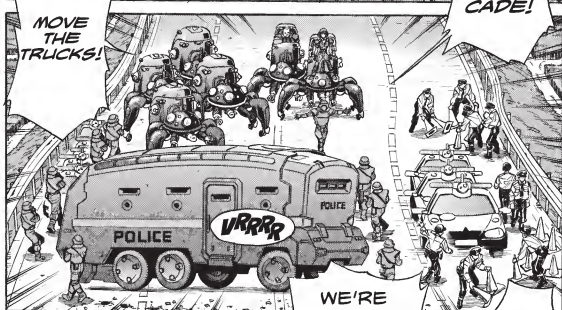






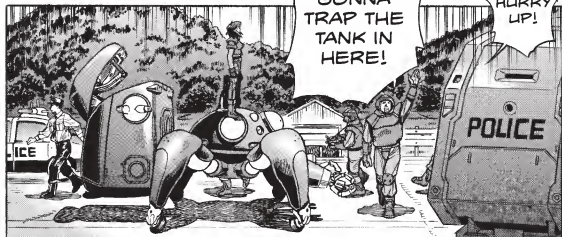
**BREAK
UP
THE
BARRI-
CADE!**

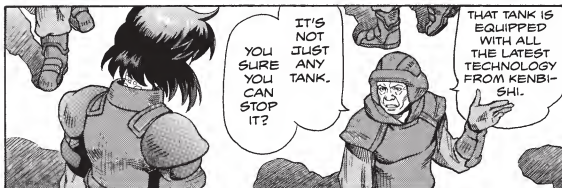
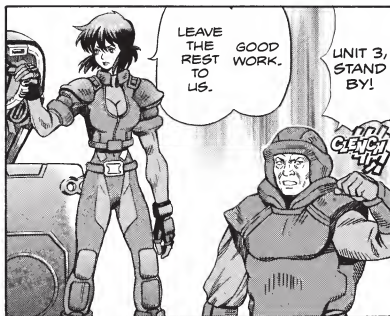
**MOVE
THE
TRUCKS!**

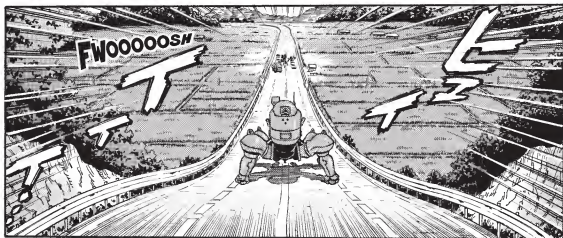
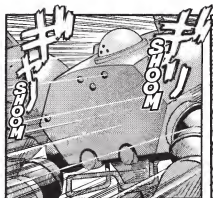


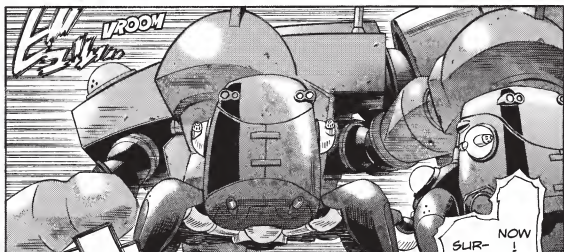
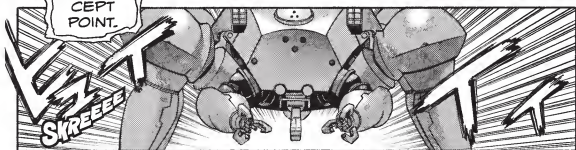
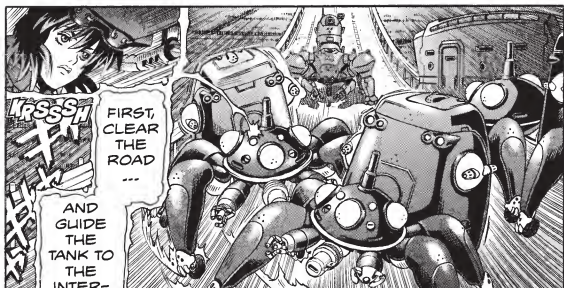
**WE'RE
GONNA
TRAP THE
TANK IN
HERE!**

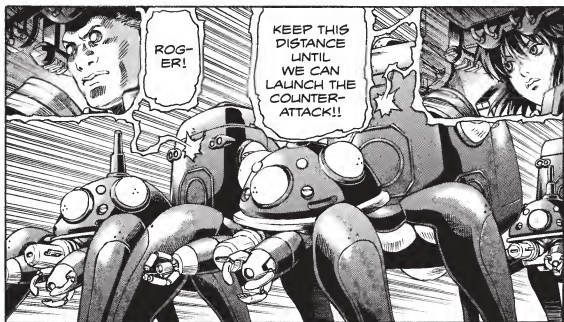
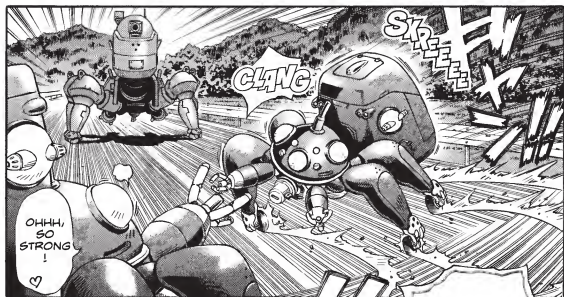
**HURRY
UP!**

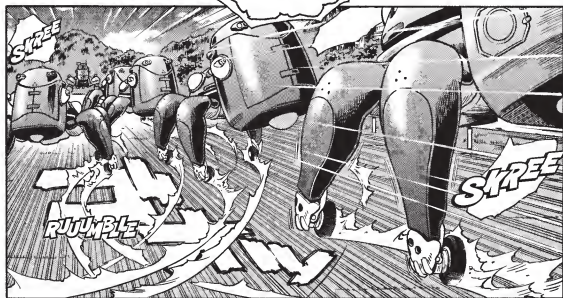
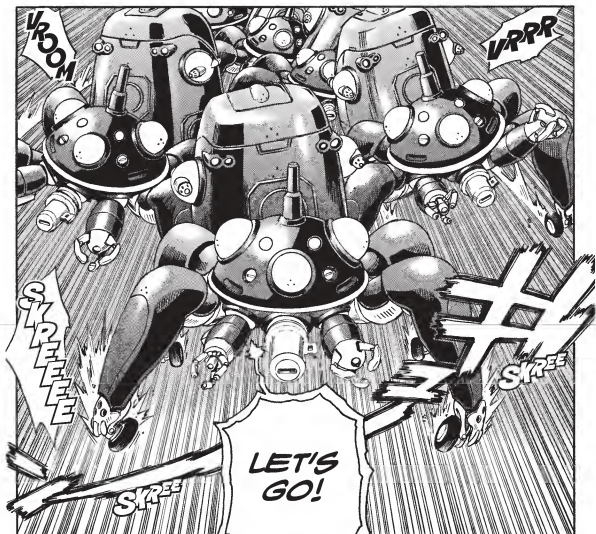


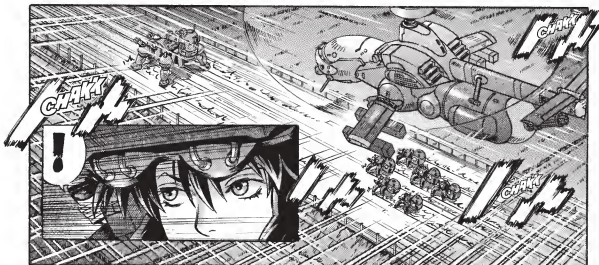
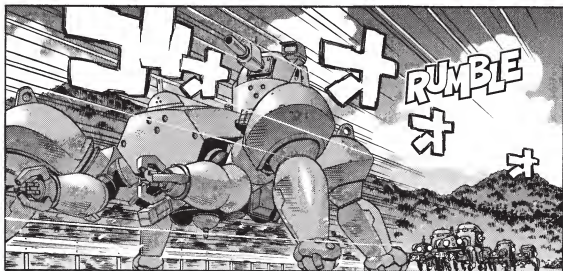


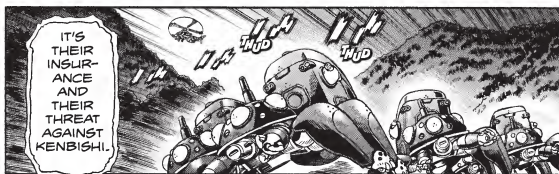
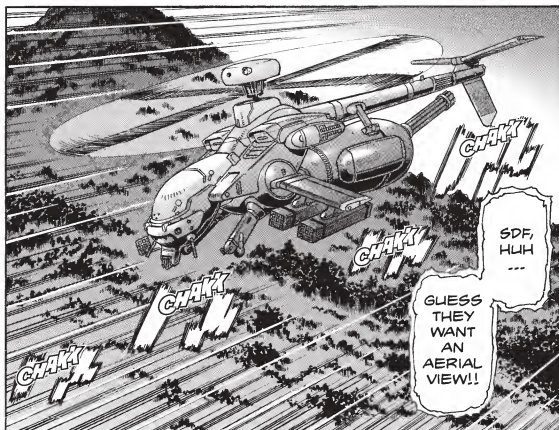
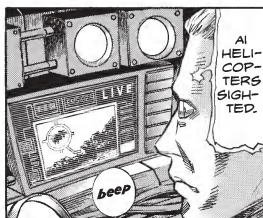
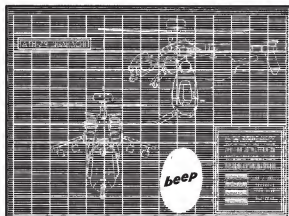








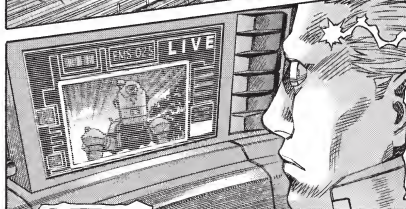




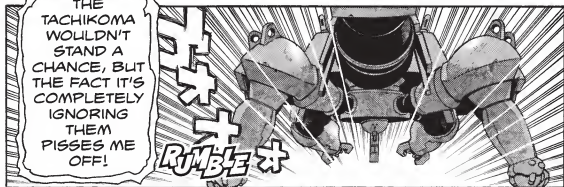


ANY
WAY

WHAT
IS THIS
TANK
DOING?
WHERE'S
HE
GOING?
IS THERE
REALLY
SOMEONE
INSIDE
OF IT?



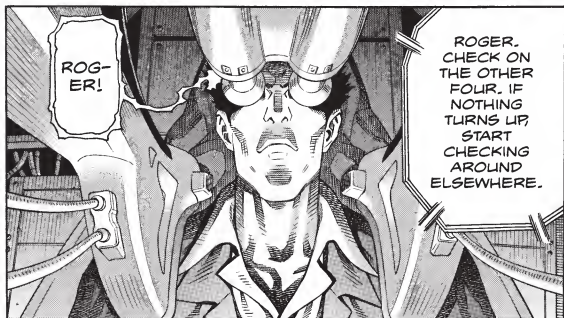
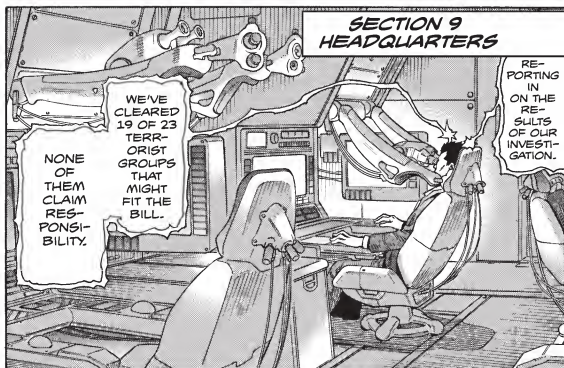
THE
TACHIKOMA
WOULDN'T
STAND A
CHANCE, BUT
THE FACT IT'S
COMPLETELY
IGNORING
THEM
PISSES ME
OFF!

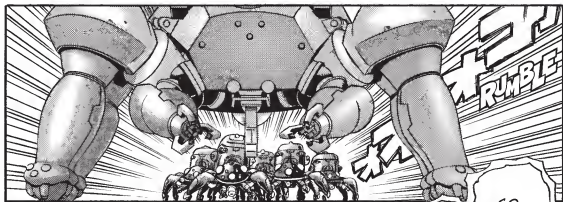


WAITING
FOR
INFOR-
MATION
FROM
TOGUSA.

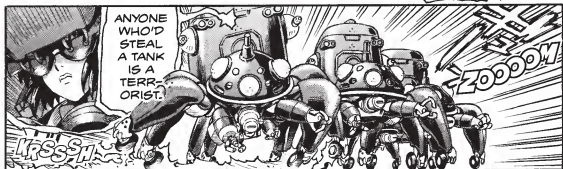
JUST
JOK-
ING.

GO
AHEAD
AND
GET
OUT IN
FRONT,
THEN.





SO
EITHER
SOME-
ONE
STOLE
A
TANK
...
...OR
IT WAS
AN AI
MAL-
FUNC-
TION,
RIGHT?



ANYONE
WHO'D
STEAL
A TANK
IS A
TERR-
ORIST.

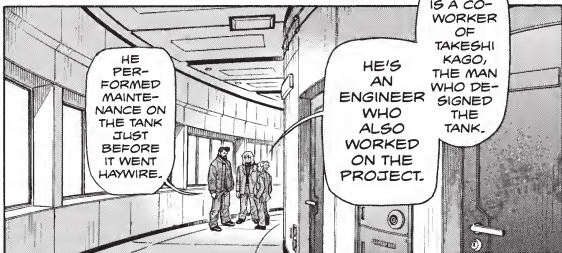
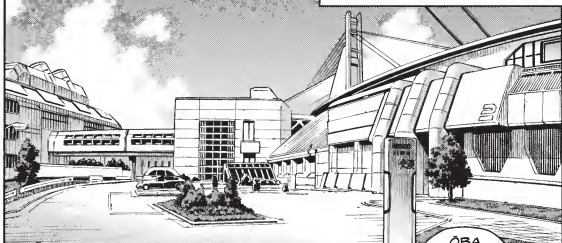


YEAH,
YEAH.



WELL,
WE'LL
SEE
WHAT
THE
CHIEF
SAYS!

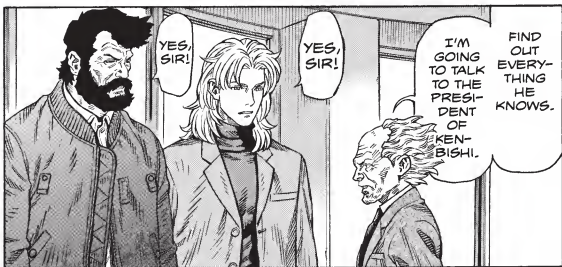
KENBISHI
HEADQUARTERS



HE
PER-
FORMED
MAINTEN-
ANCE ON
THE TANK
JUST
BEFORE
IT WENT
HAYWIRE.

HE'S
AN
ENGINEER
WHO
ALSO
WORKED
ON THE
PROJECT.

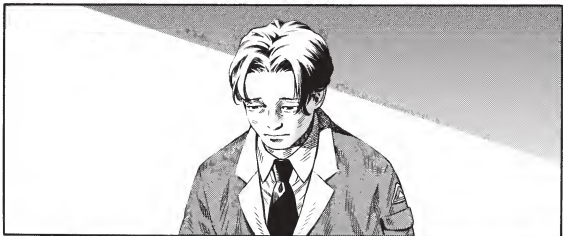
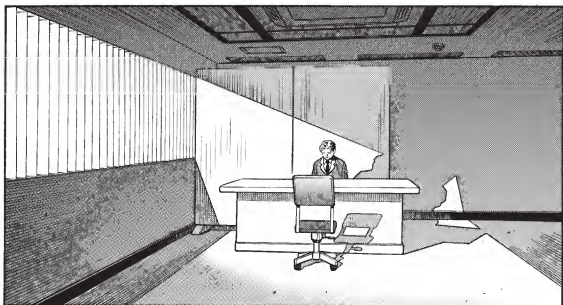
ŌBA
IS A CO-
WORKER
OF
TAKESHI
KAGO,
THE MAN
WHO DE-
SIGNER
THE TANK.

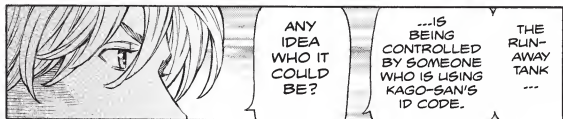
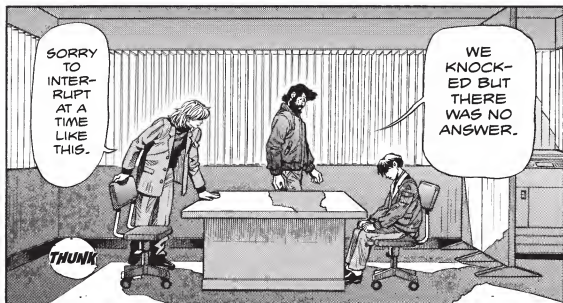


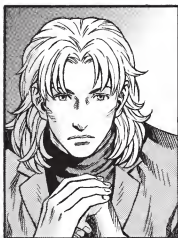
YES,
SIR!

YES,
SIR!

I'M
GOING
TO TALK
TO THE
PRESI-
DENT
OF
KEN-
BISHI.
FIND
OUT
EVERY-
THING
HE
KNOWS.







ŌBA-
SAN!



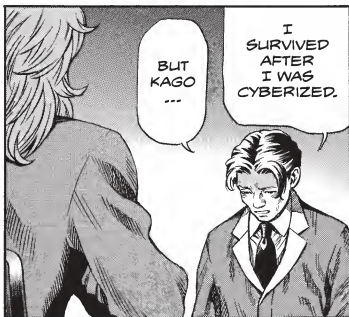
...
DESTINED
TO HAVE
SHORT
LIVES.

...
HAVE
BEEN
SICKLY
EVER
SINCE
BIRTH
...

BOTH
KAGO
AND
MYSELF
...

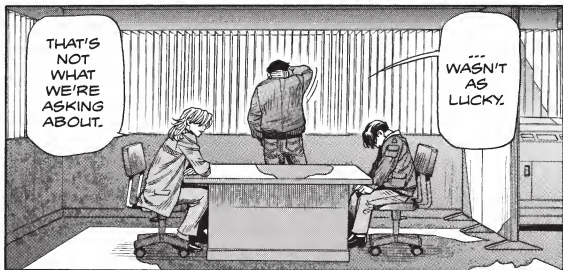


KAGO
...



BUT
KAGO
...

I
SURVIVED
AFTER
I WAS
CYBERIZED.



THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
WE'RE
ASKING
ABOUT.

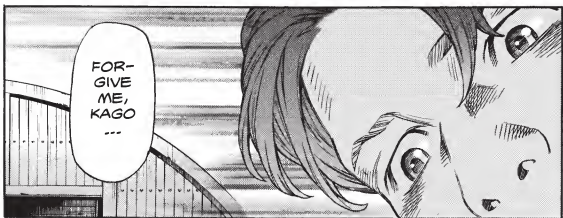
...
WASN'T
AS
LUCKY.



AND
WHERE
IS IT
HEADED
?

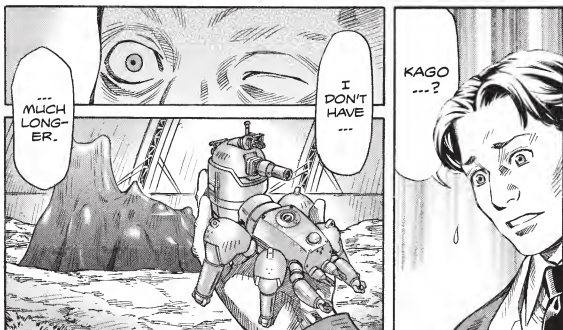
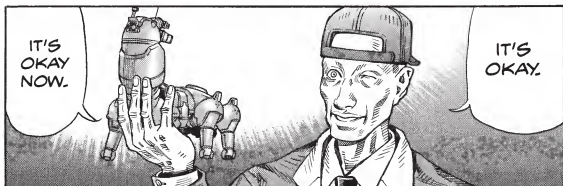


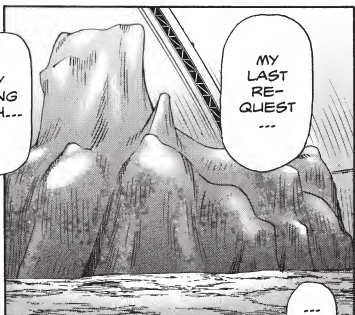
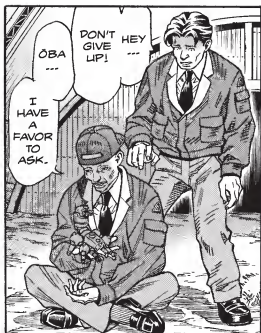
WHO'S
CON-
TROL-
LING
THE
TANK?

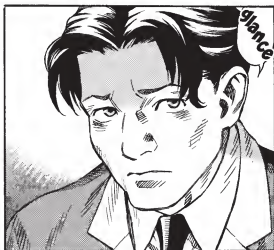
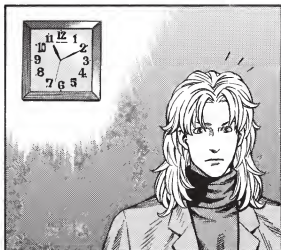
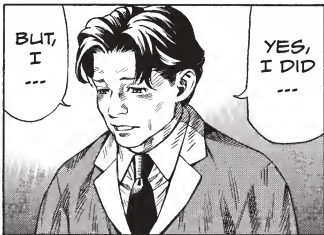
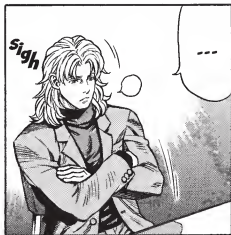


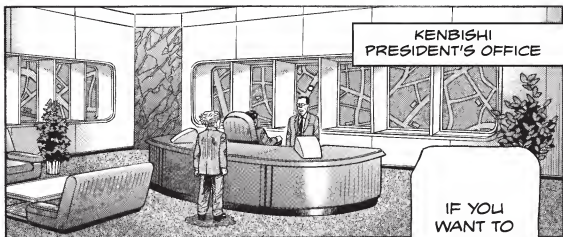
FOR-
GIVE
ME,
KAGO

...



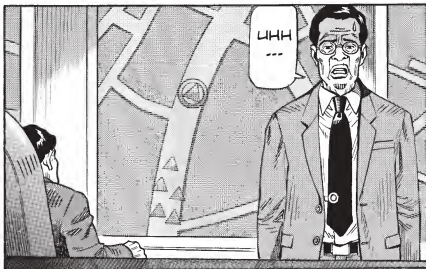


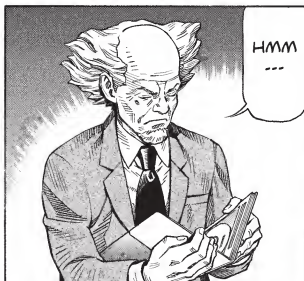
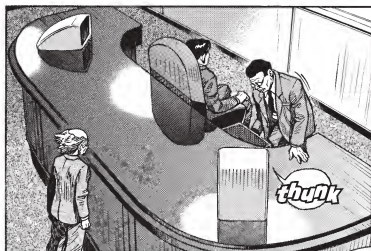


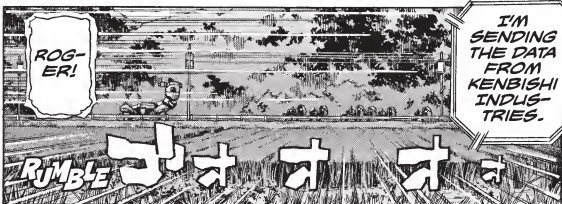


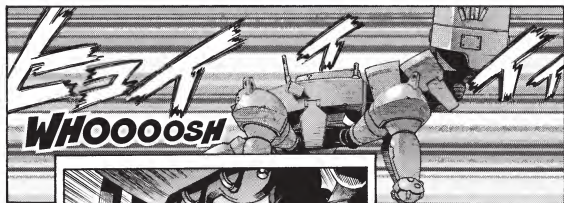
IF YOU
WANT TO
MINIMIZE
CASUAL-
TIES...

YOU
NEED
TO GIVE
US ALL THE
INFORMATION
YOU HAVE
ON THE
TANK!

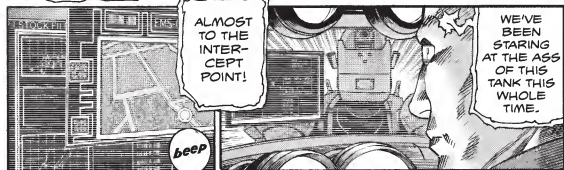
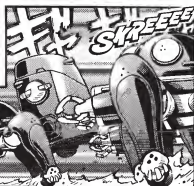








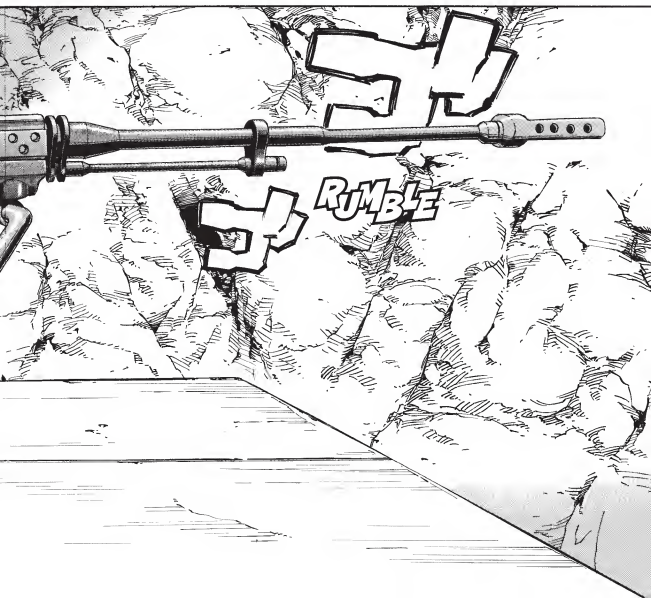
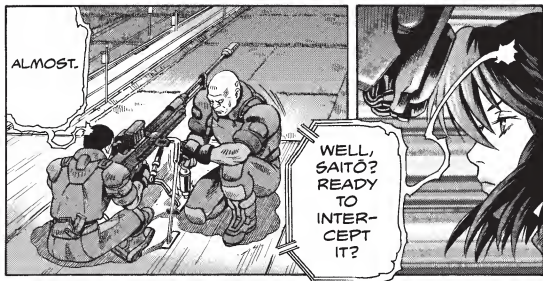
GOT IT!
WE MIGHT
HAVE A
CHANCE
WITH
THESE
SPECS.



ALMOST
TO THE
INTER-
CEPT
POINT!

WE'VE
BEEN
STARING
AT THE ASS
OF THIS
TANK THIS
WHOLE
TIME.







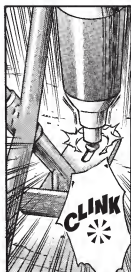
GRAB



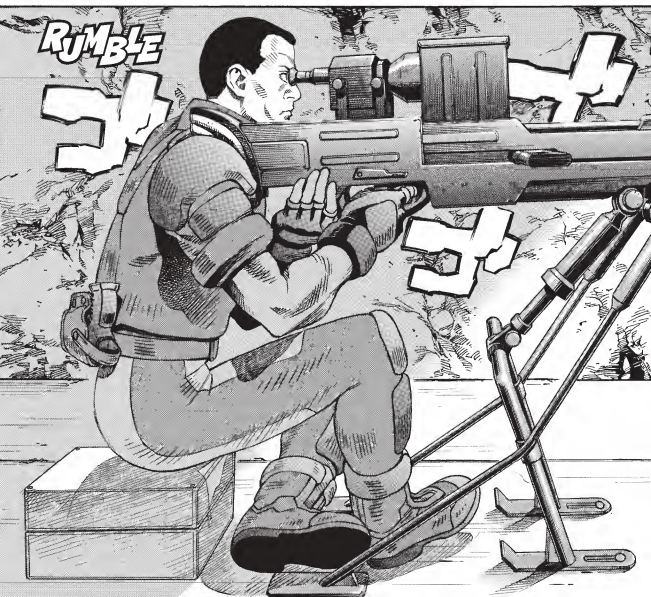
YEAH,
FEELS
GOOD.

THIS
OKAY
?

click

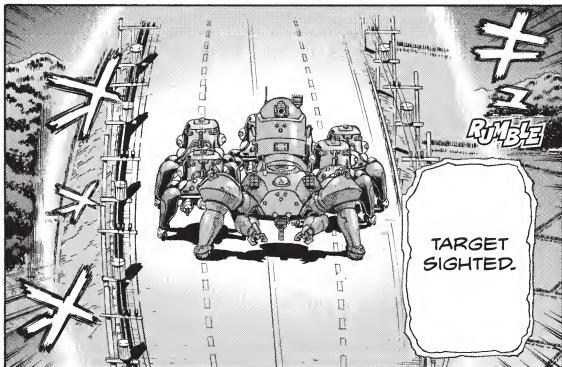
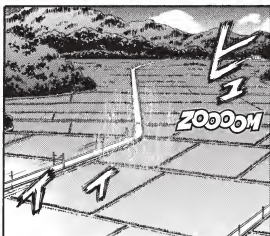
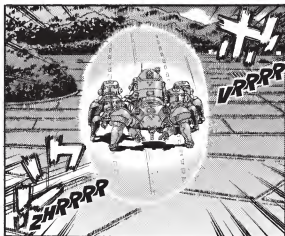
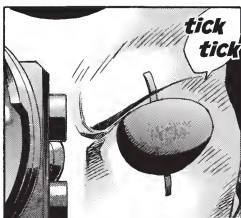
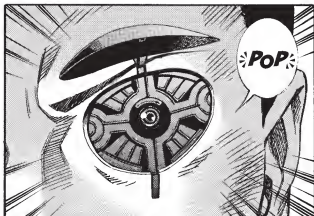


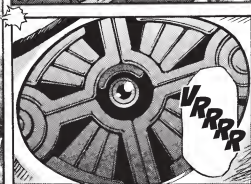
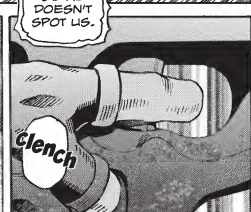
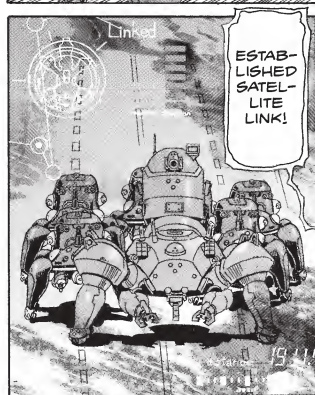
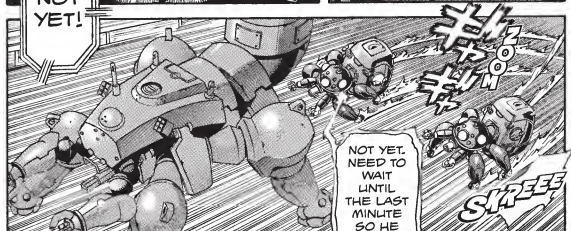
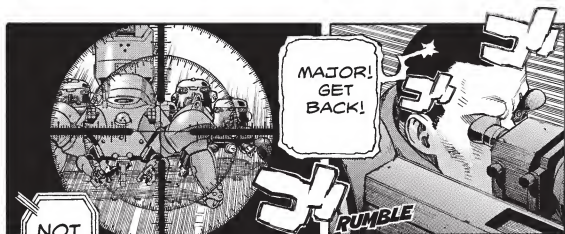
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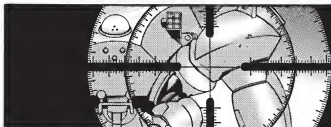
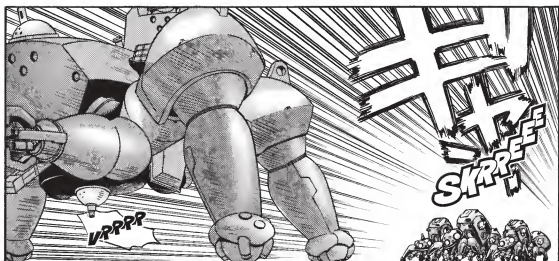
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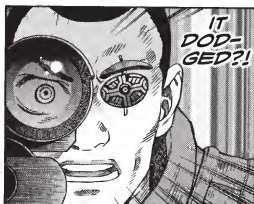
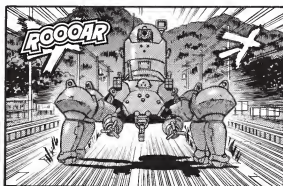
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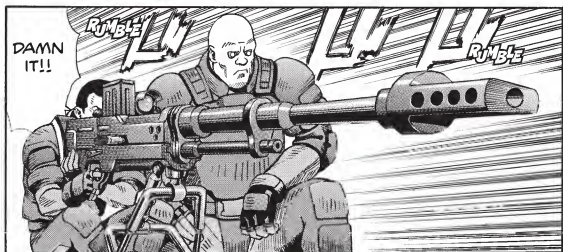


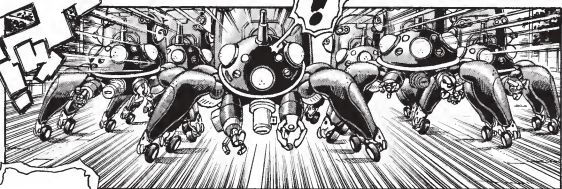




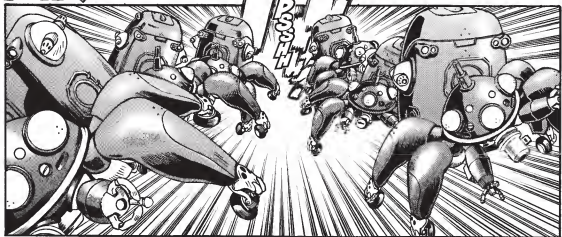


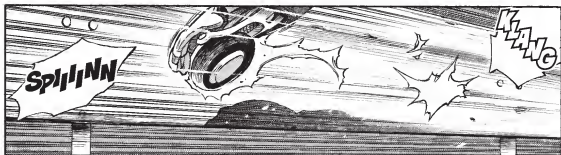


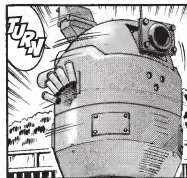
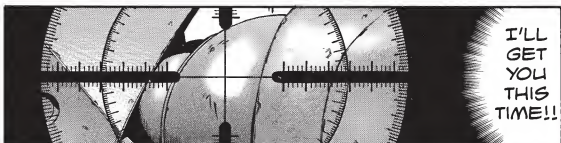
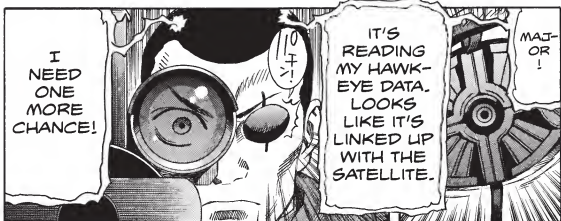


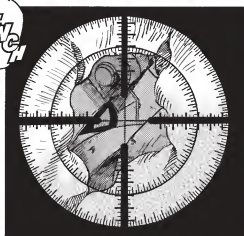
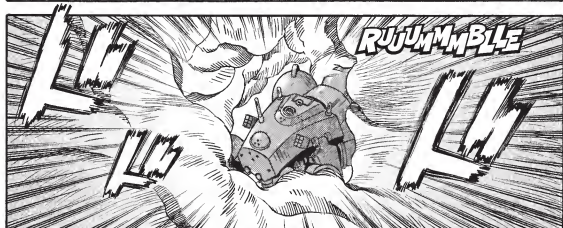
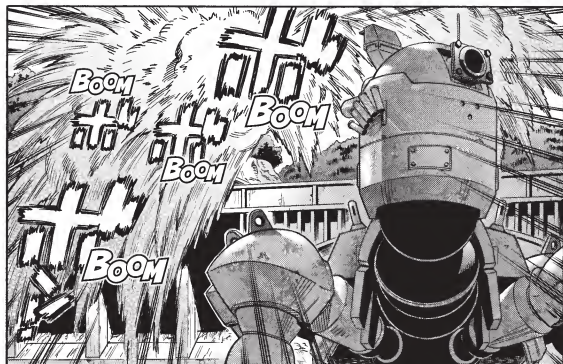


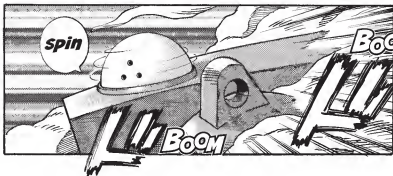
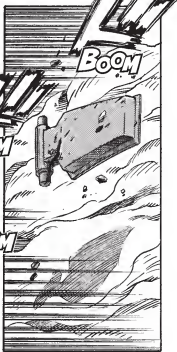
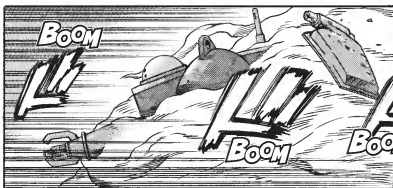
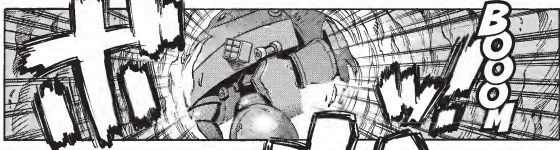
SPREAD
OUT!!





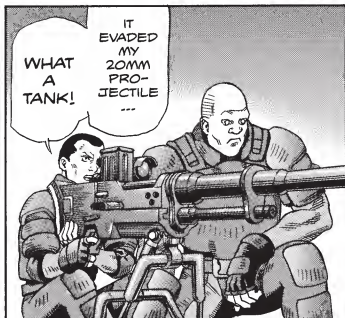






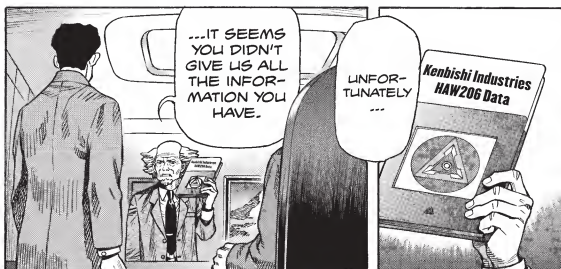


CHIEF
ARAMAKI!
THE INFOR-
MATION YOU
GOT FROM
KENBISHI
IS TOTALLY
WRONG!

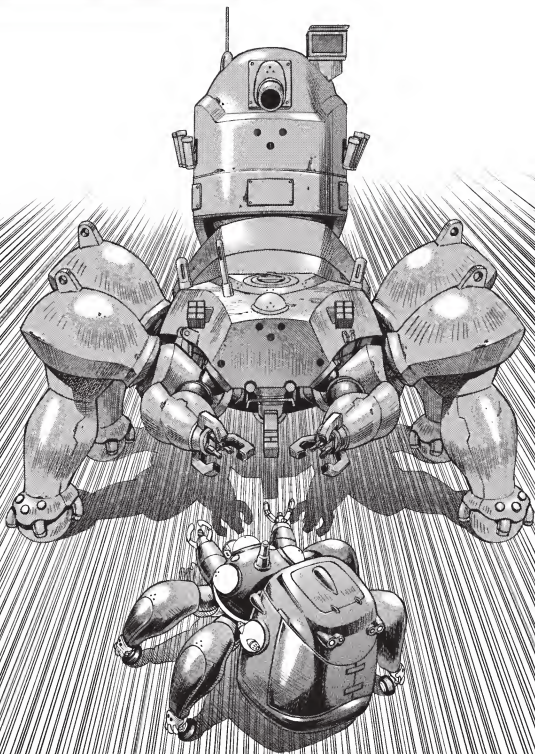


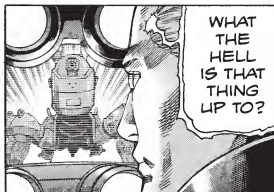
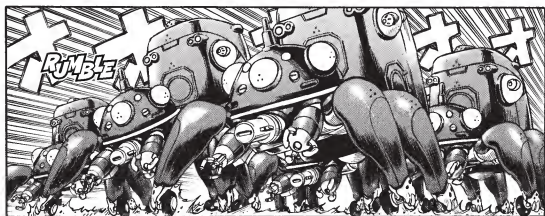
WHAT
A
TANK!

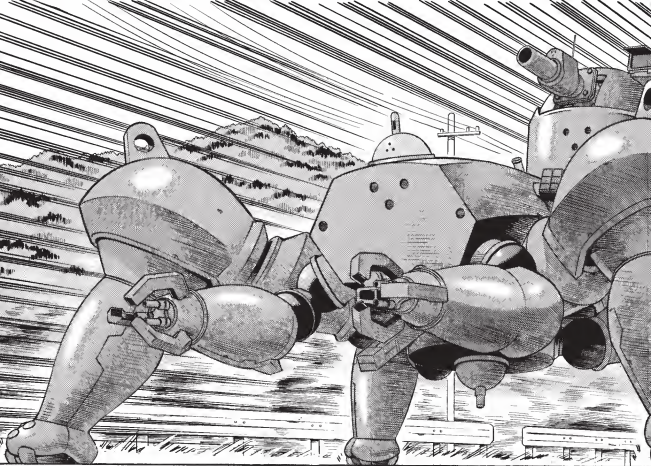
IT
EVADED
MY
20MM
PRO-
JECTILE
...

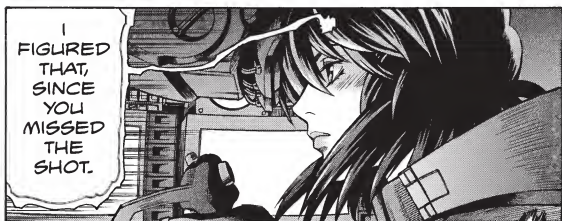


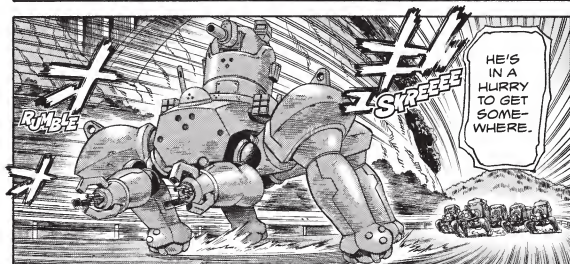
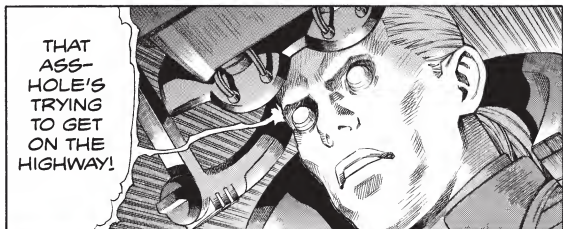
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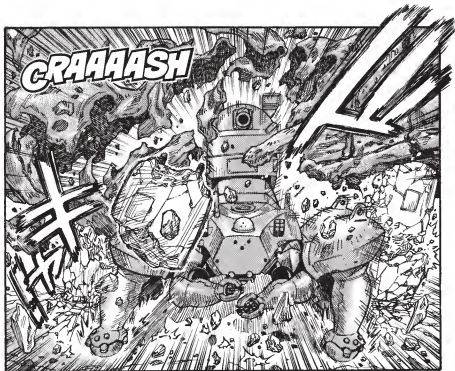


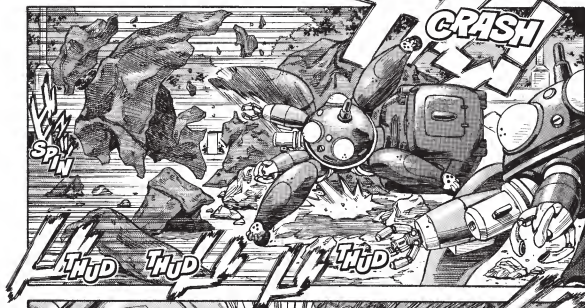






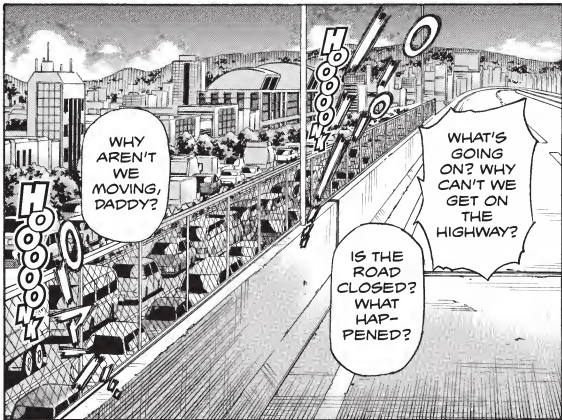


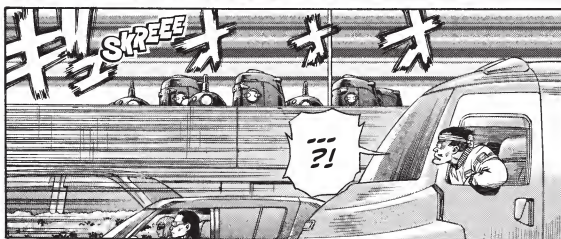
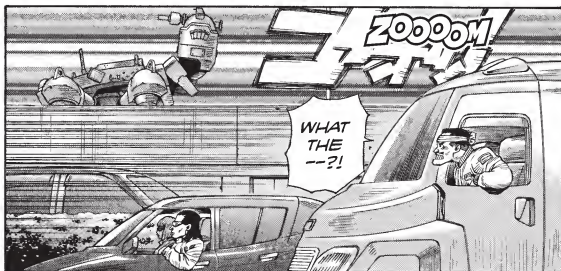
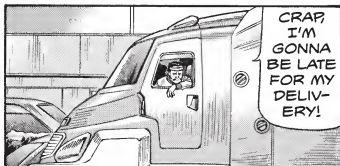


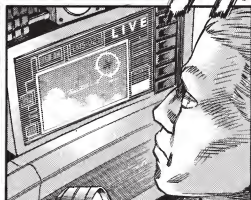
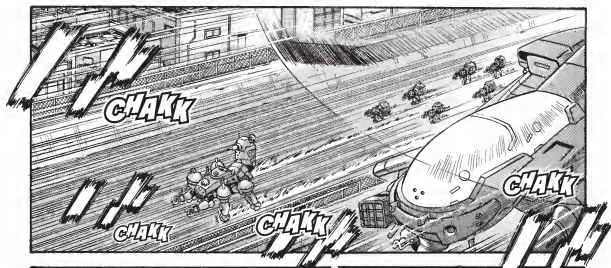
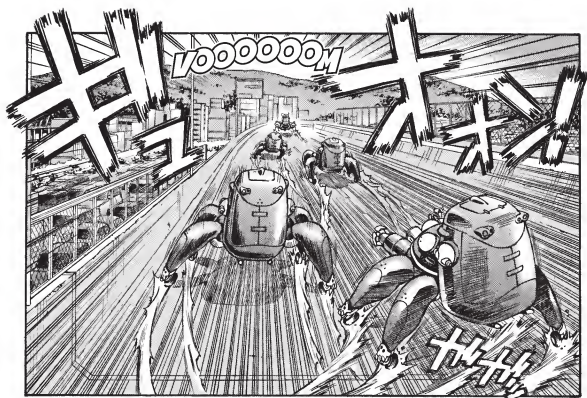


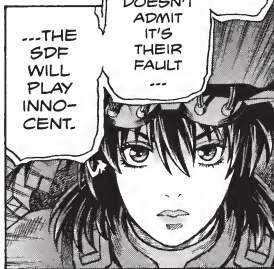
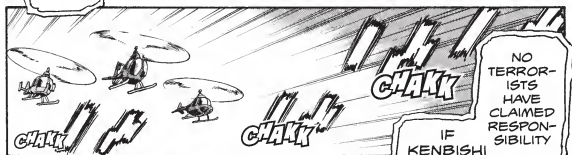
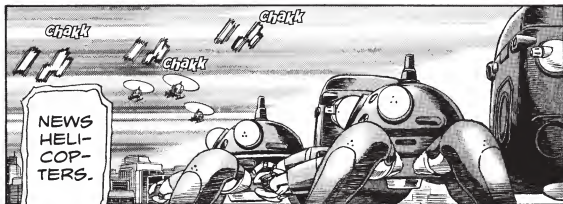
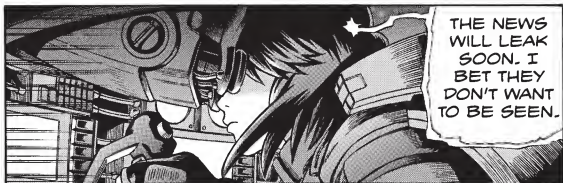


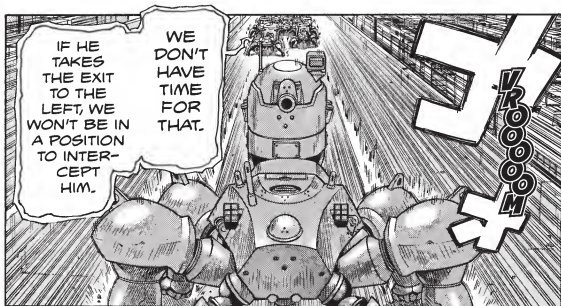
NOW
WE NEED
TO SEE
WHAT EXIT
HE TAKES
ONCE HE
GETS ON THE
HIGHWAY!





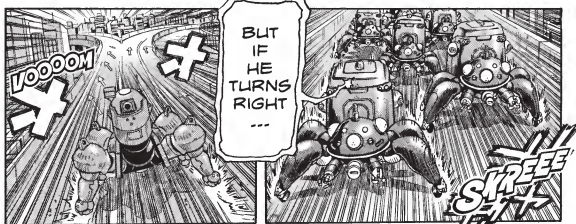




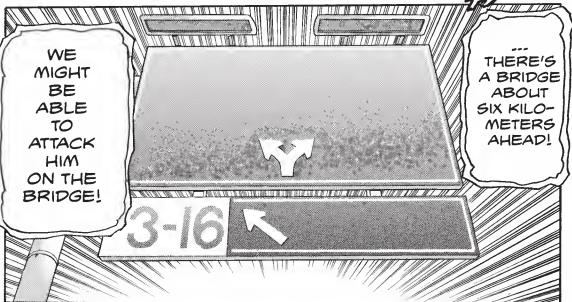


IF HE
TAKES
THE EXIT
TO THE
LEFT, WE
WON'T BE IN
A POSITION
TO INTER-
CEPT
HIM.

WE
DON'T
HAVE
TIME
FOR THAT.

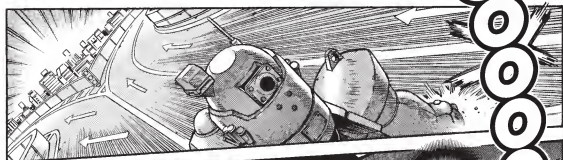
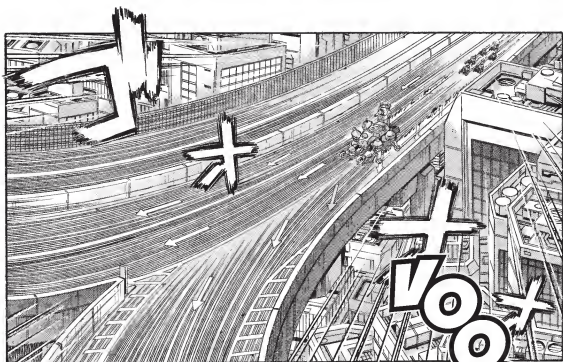


BUT
IF
HE
TURNS
RIGHT
...



WE
MIGHT
BE
ABLE
TO
ATTACK
HIM
ON THE
BRIDGE!

...
THERE'S
A BRIDGE
ABOUT
SIX KILO-
METERS
AHEAD!

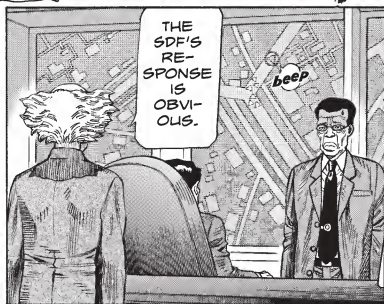
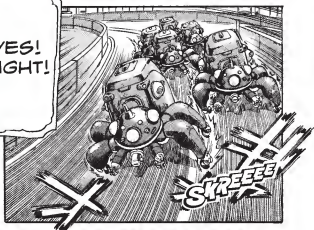
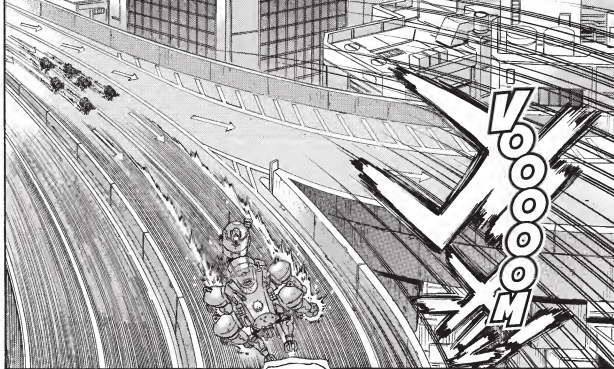


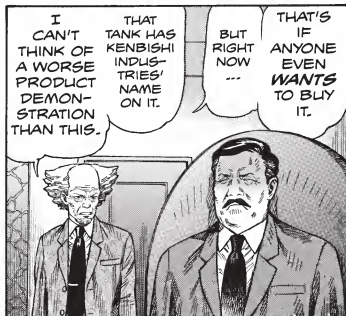
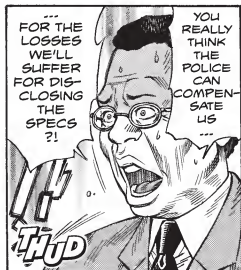
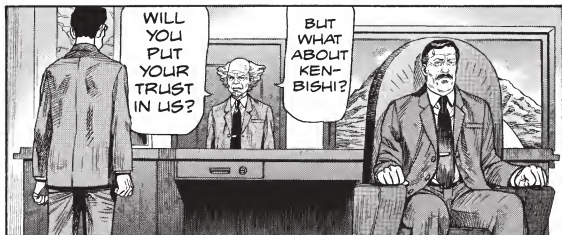
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?

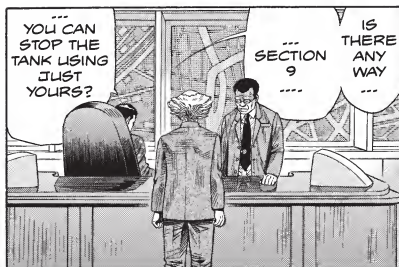
LEFT
?

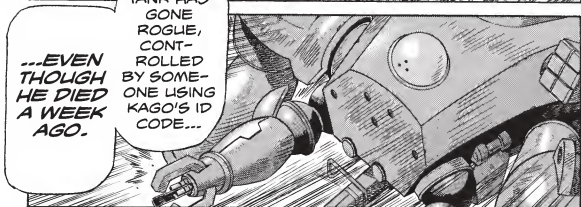
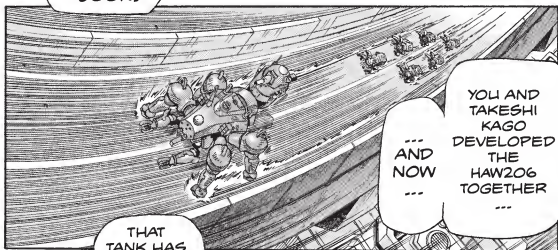
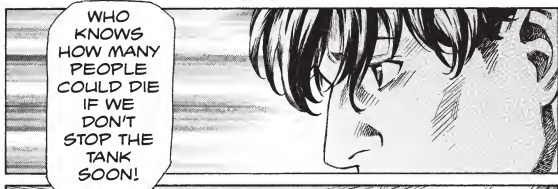
RIGHT
?!

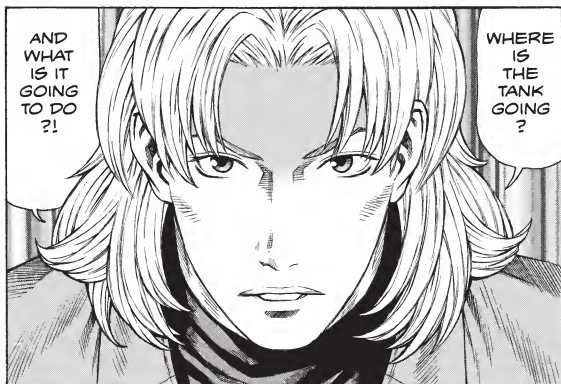
SKREEE
X

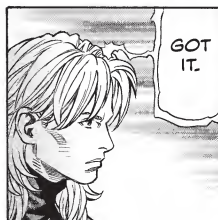
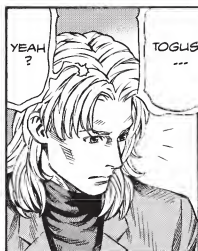




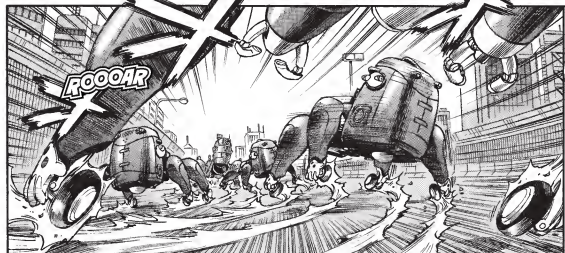
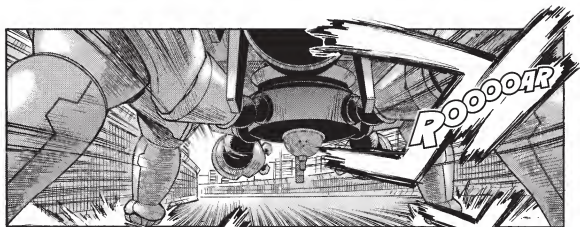












THAT
BRIDGE
IS OUR
LAST
CHANCE
TO GET
HIM!



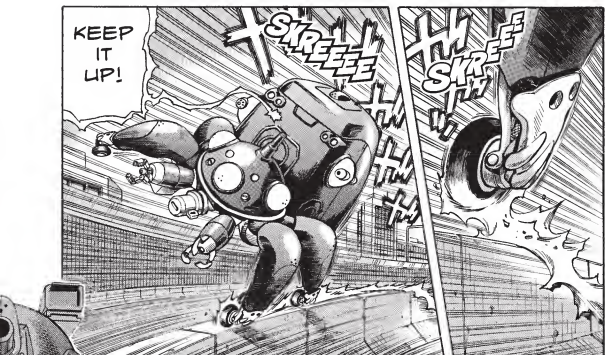
THE
NEXT
EXIT'S
THE LAST
ONE!
LEFT IS
THE CITY!
RIGHT
IS THE
BRIDGE!

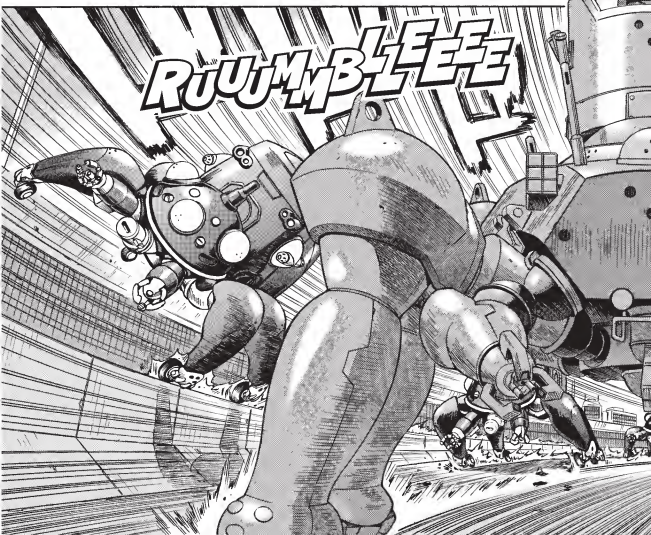
BA-
TO!

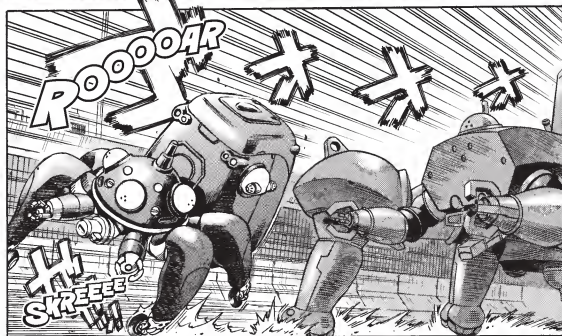
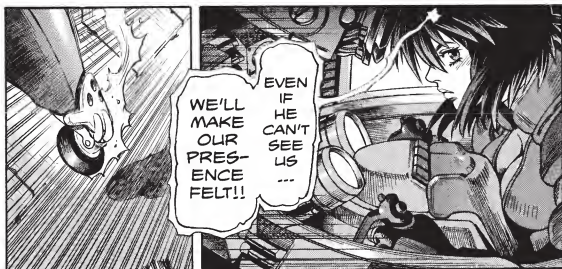
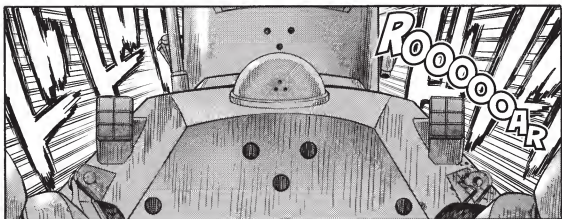


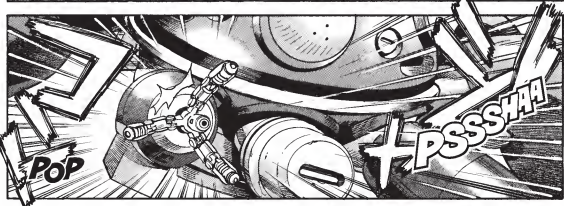
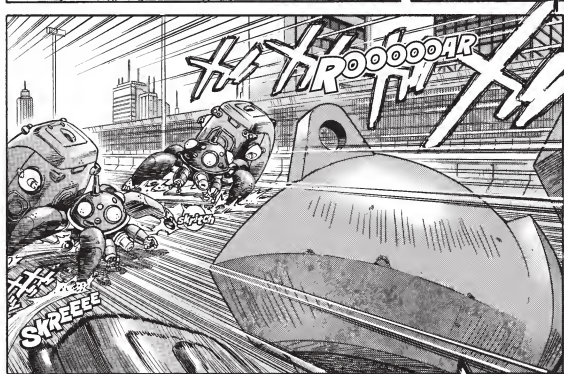
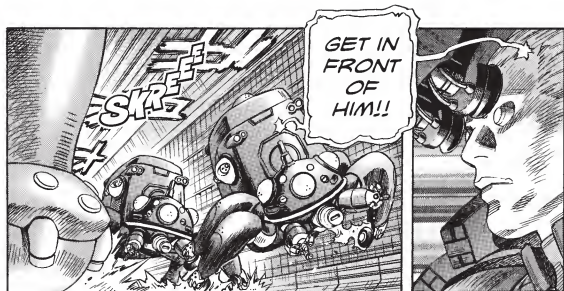
WE
NEED TO
FORCE
THE TANK
TO GO
RIGHT!

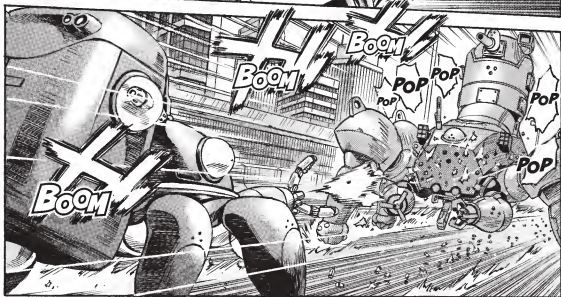
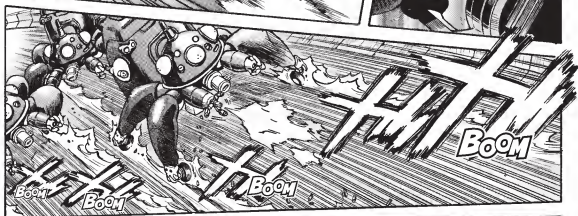
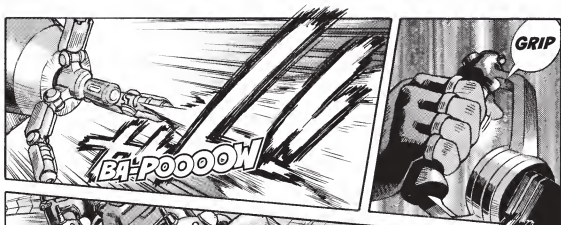
SUR-
ROUND
HIM!

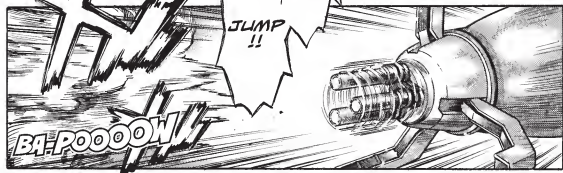
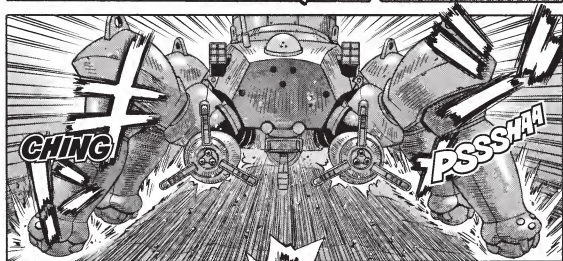
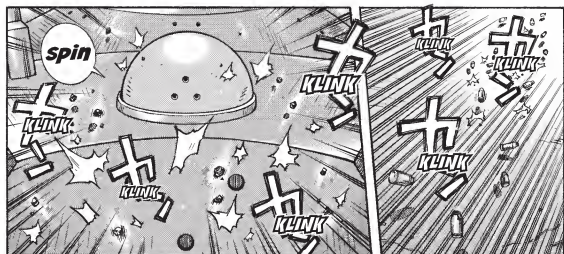




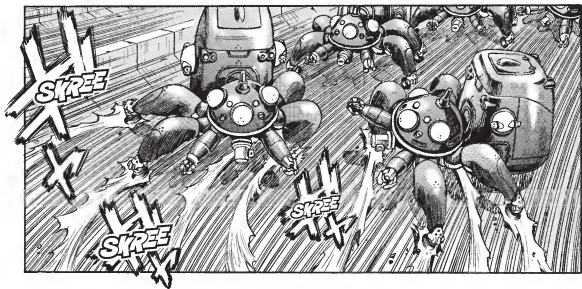
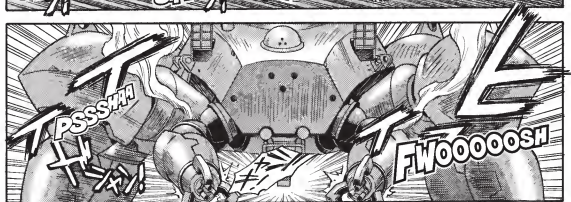


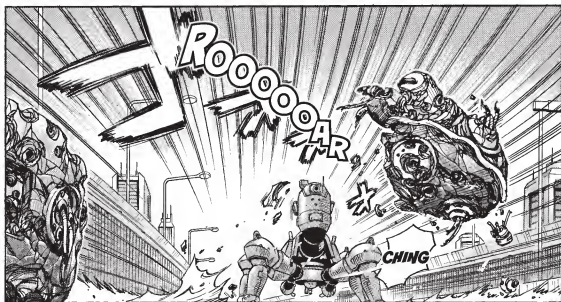
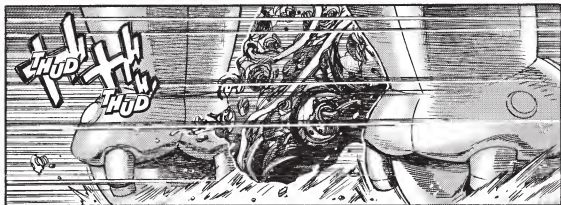
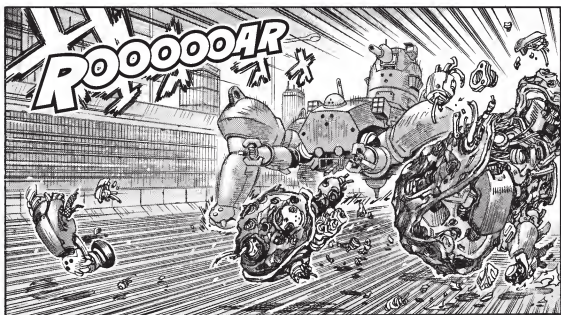


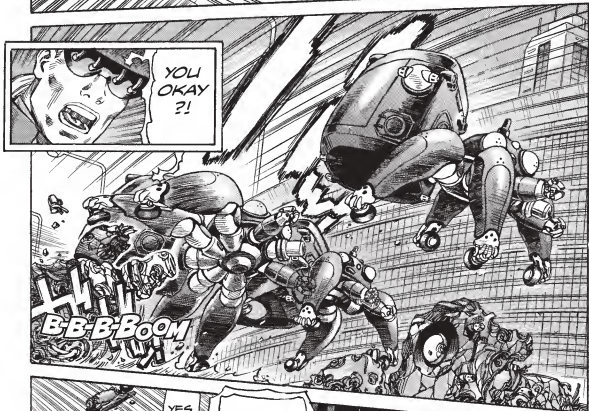
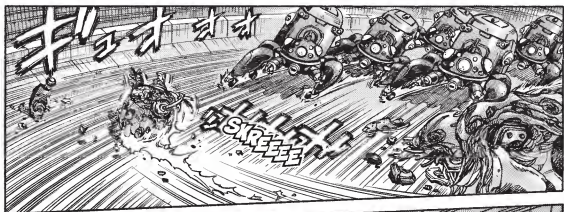




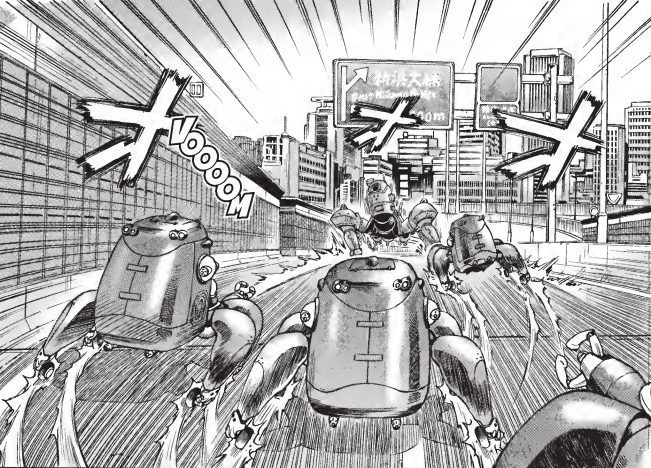


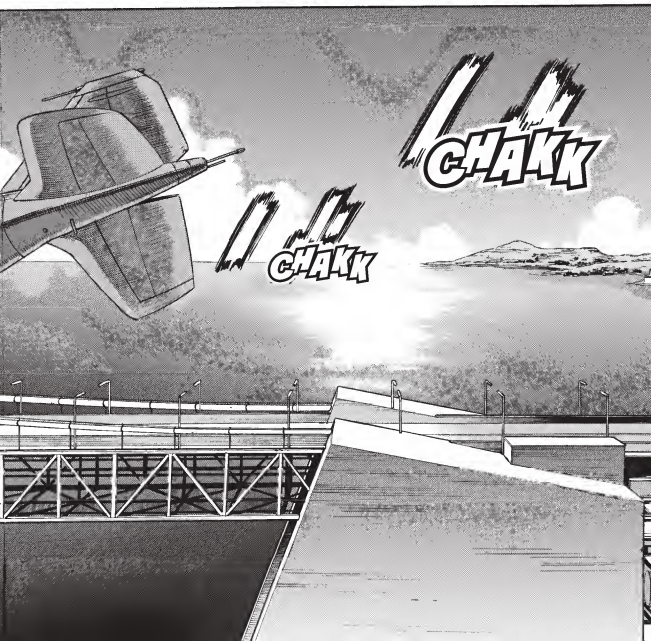
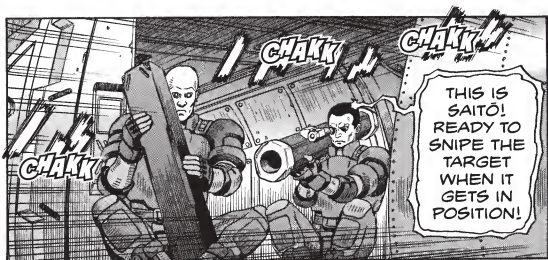


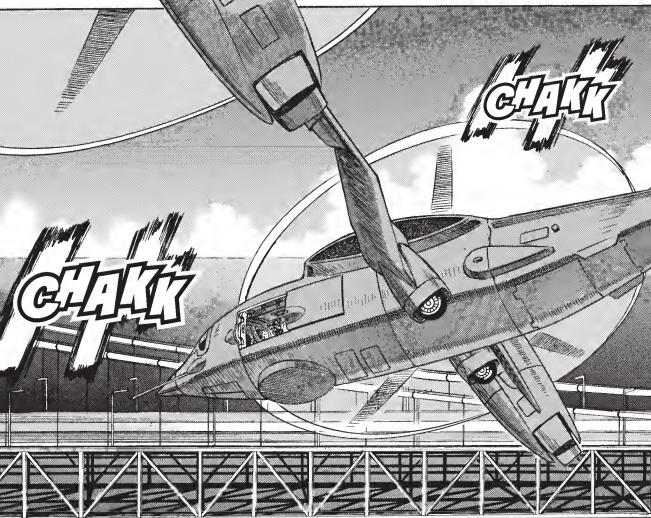
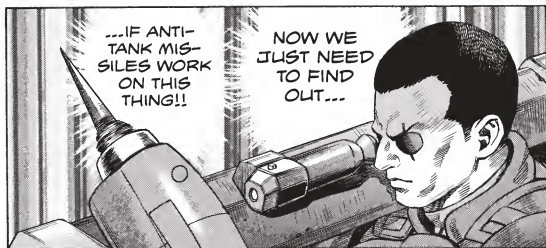


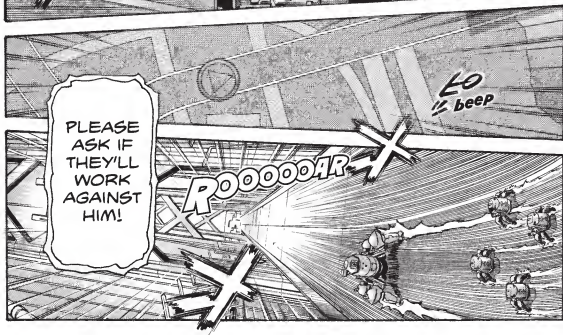
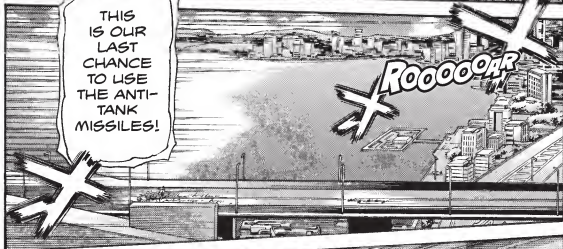


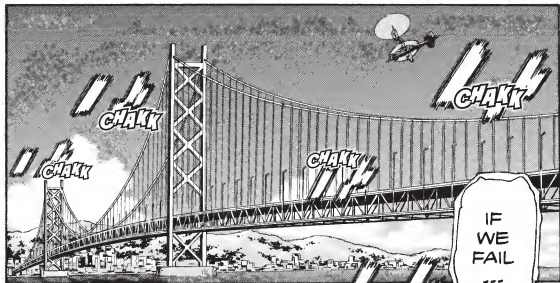




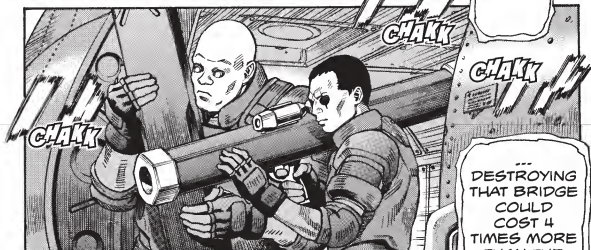




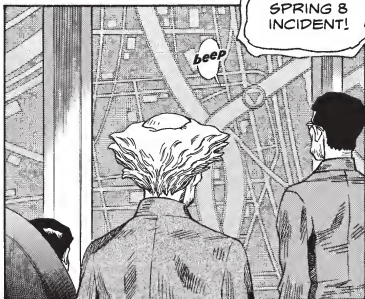


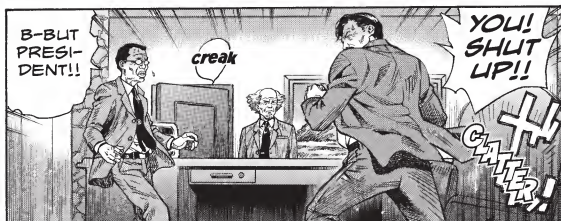
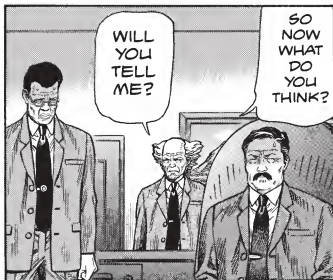


IF
WE
FAIL

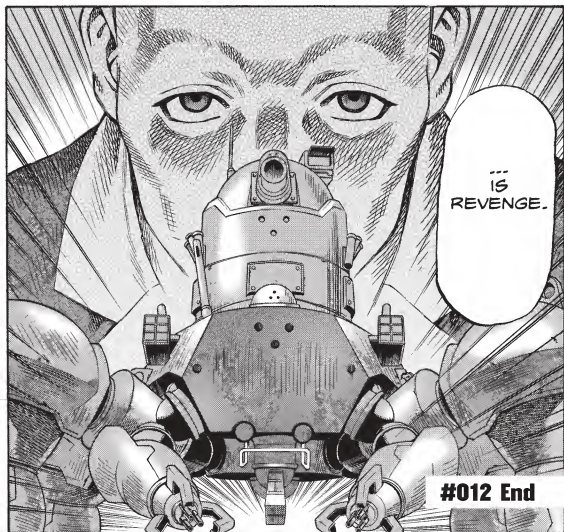


DESTROYING
THAT BRIDGE
COULD
COST 4
TIMES MORE
THAN THE
SPRING 8
INCIDENT!



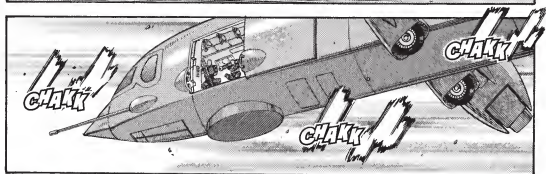
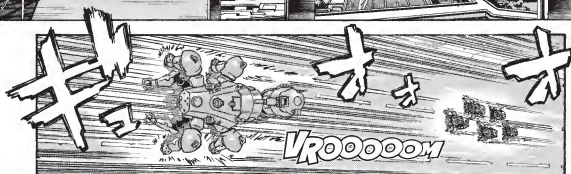
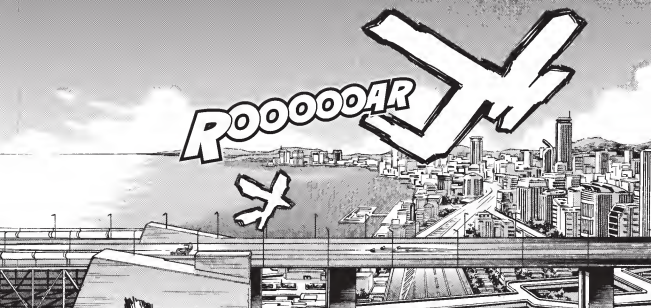


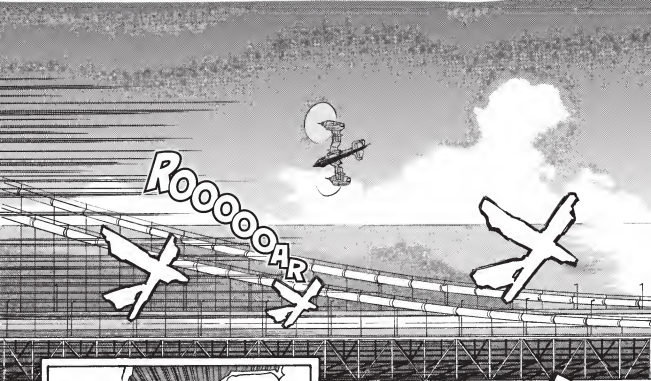






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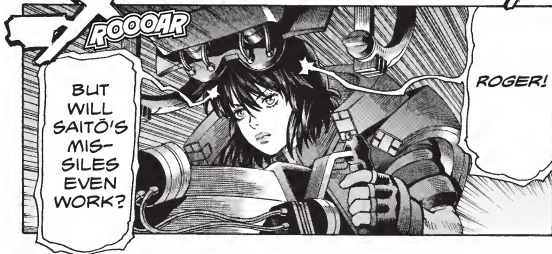
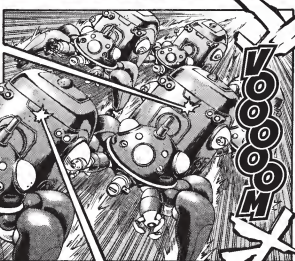




SAITŌ'S
IN
POS-
ITION
TO
SNIPE!

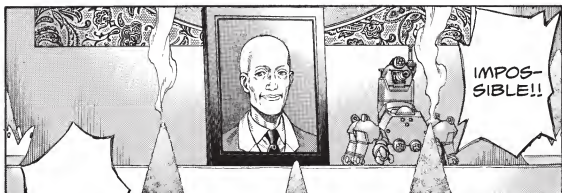
THE
TANK'S
ALMOST
TO
THE
BRIDGE!

MA-
JOR
!

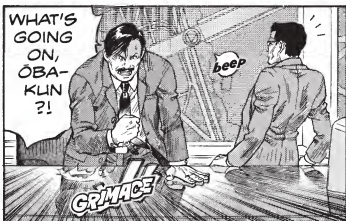


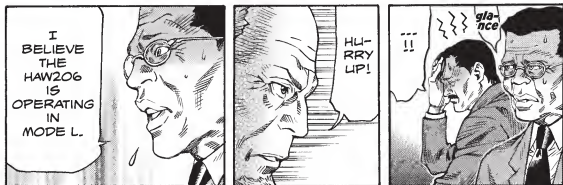
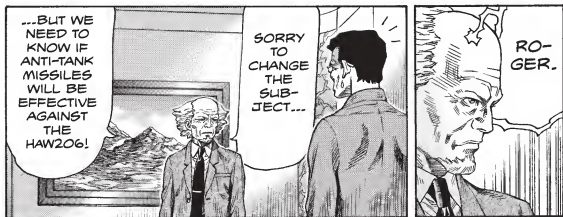
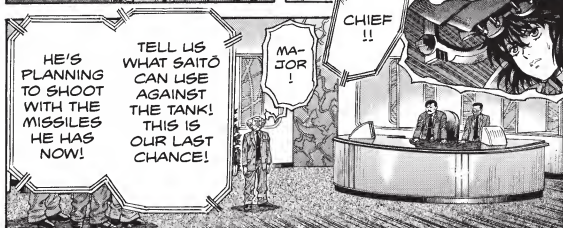
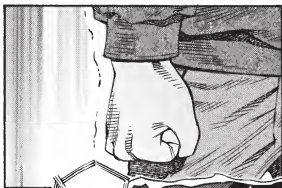
BUT
WILL
SAITŌ'S
MIS-
SILES
EVEN
WORK?

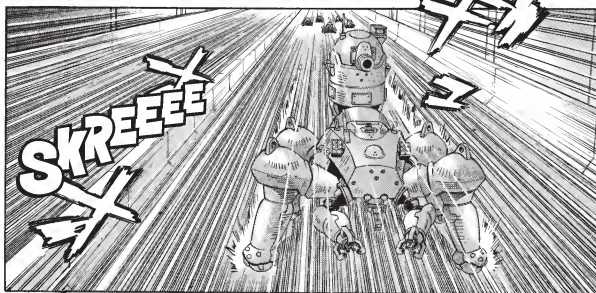
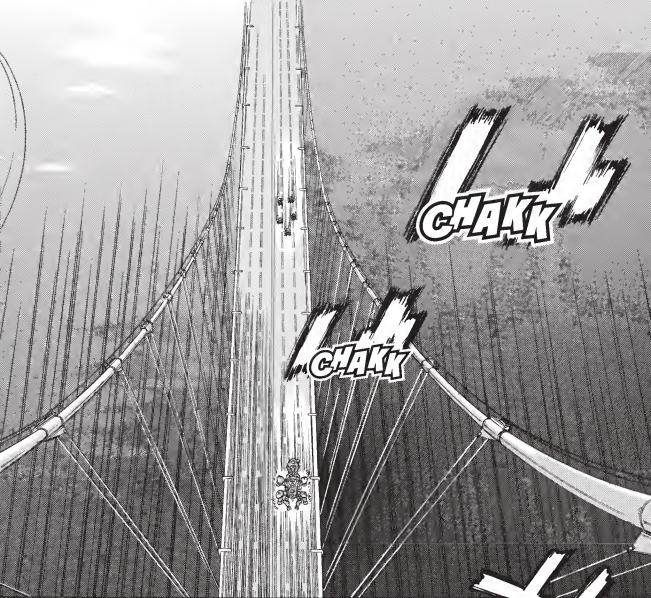
ROGER!

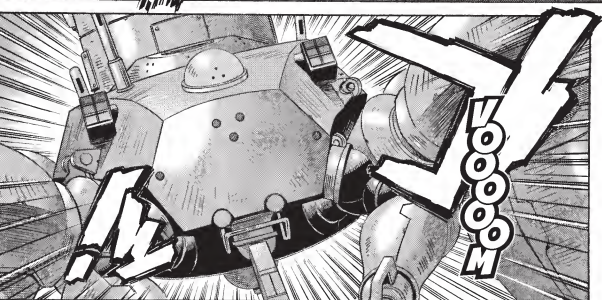
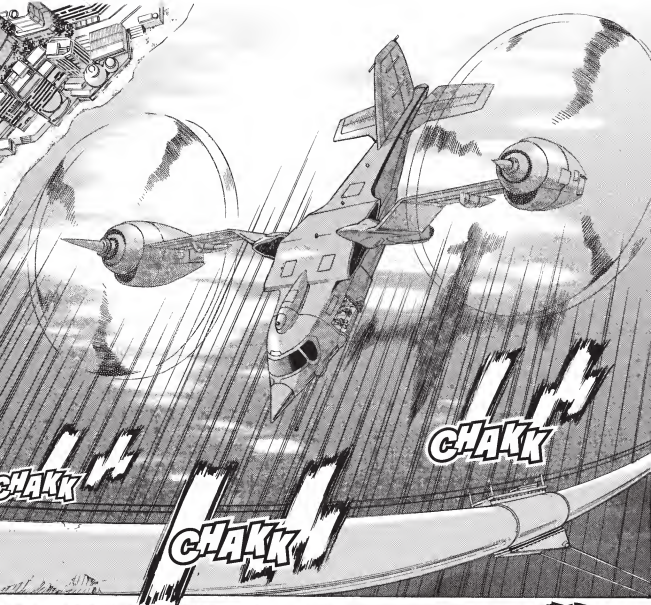


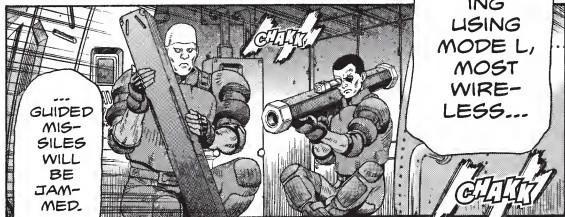
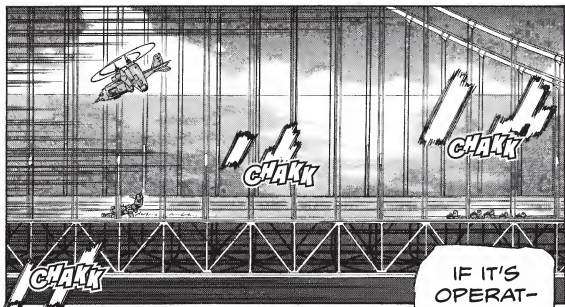
BUT
HE
DIED A
WEEK
AGO!





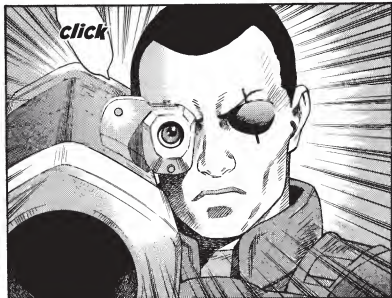


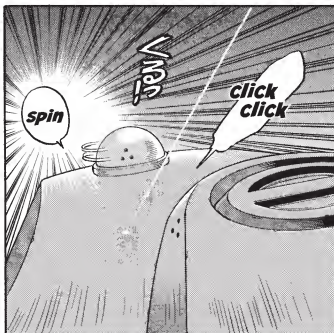
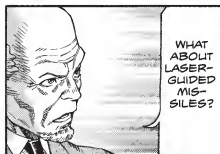
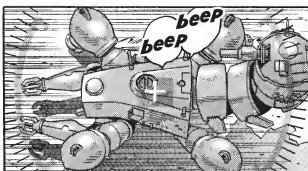
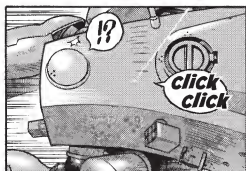
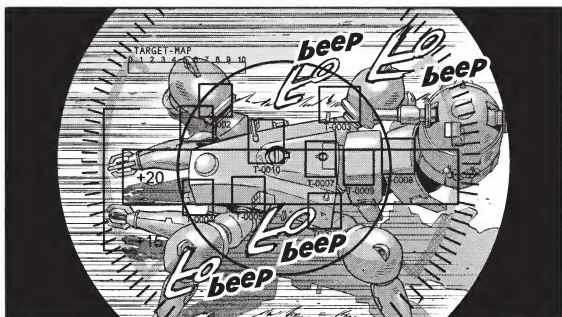


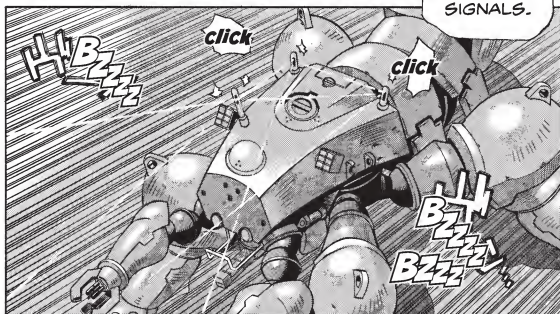
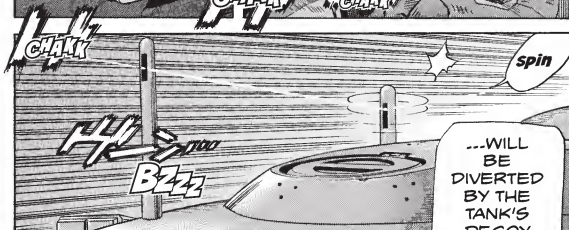
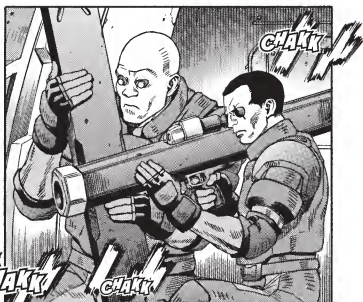
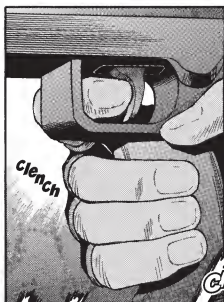


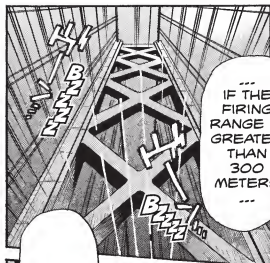
...
GLIDED
MIS-
SILES
WILL
BE
JAM-
MED.

IF IT'S
OPERAT-
ING
USING
MODE L,
MOST
WIRE-
LESS...



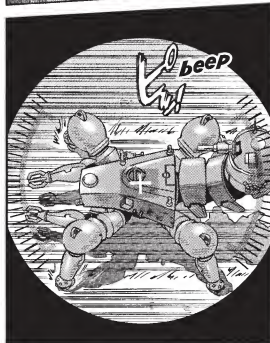




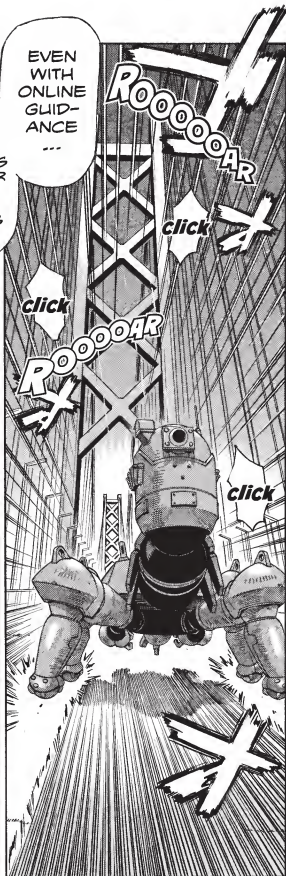


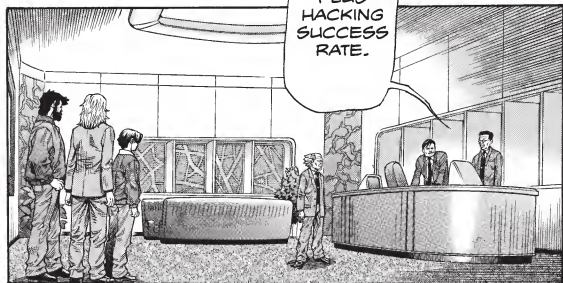
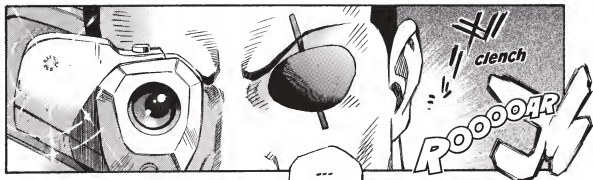
...
IF THE
FIRING
RANGE IS
GREATER
THAN
300
METERS
...

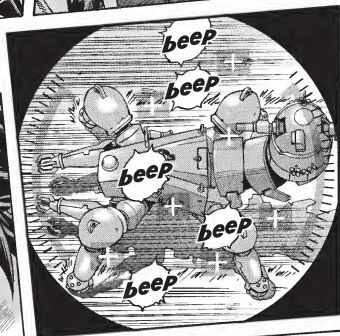
...
IT CAN
DODGE
THE
MISSILE
...

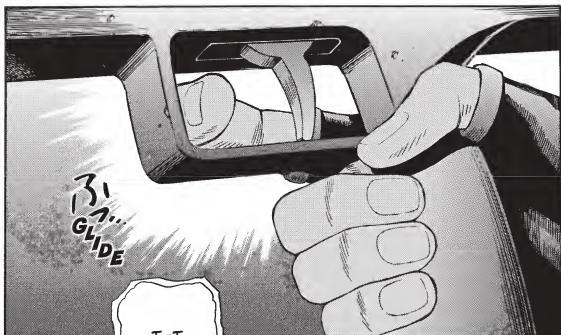


EVEN
WITH
ONLINE
GUID-
ANCE
...

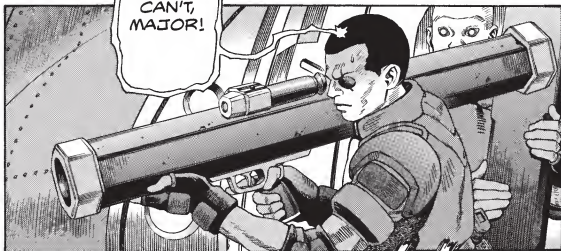


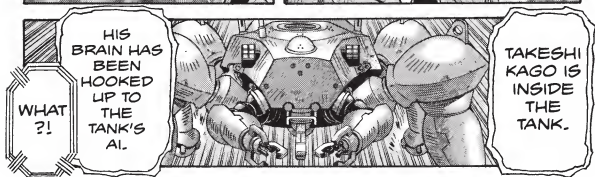
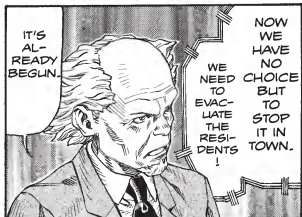
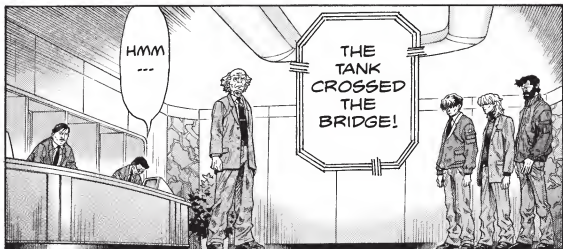


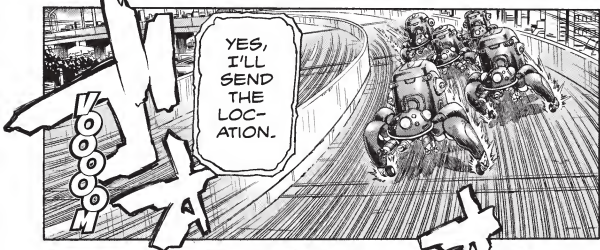
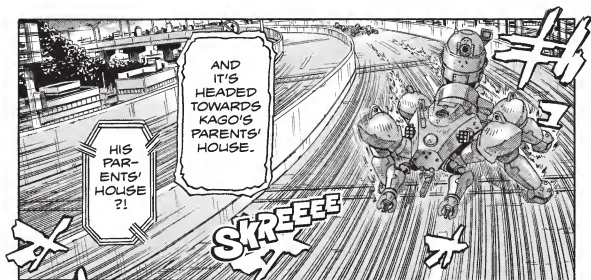


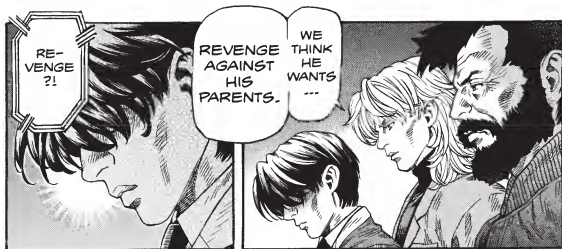


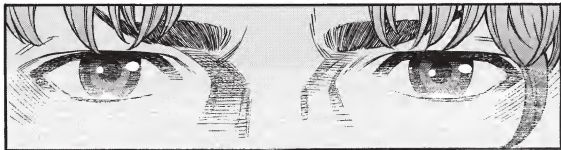
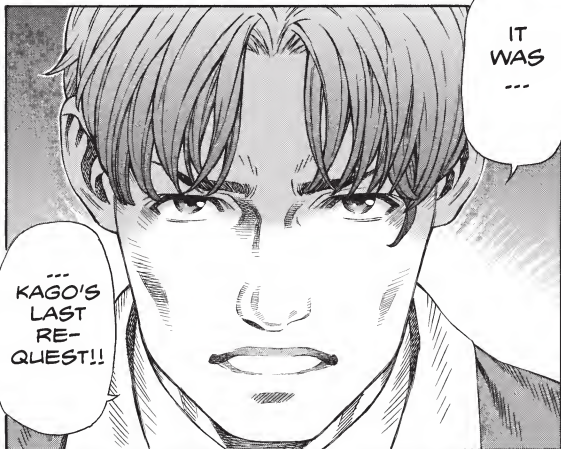
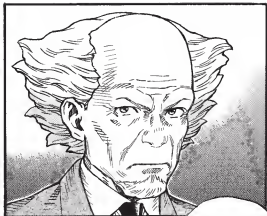
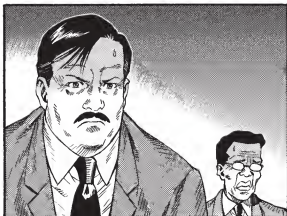
I-I
CAN'T,
MAJOR!

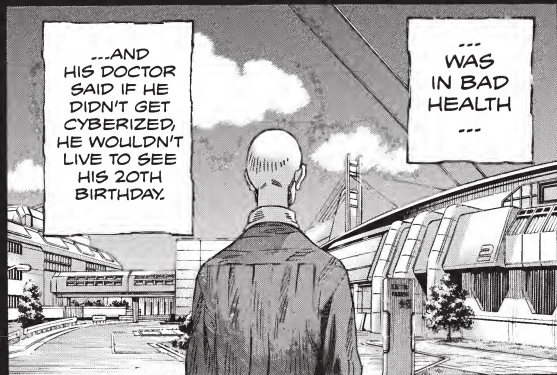
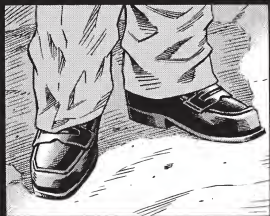
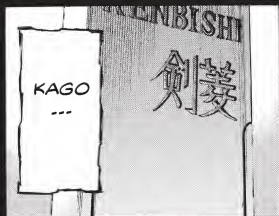






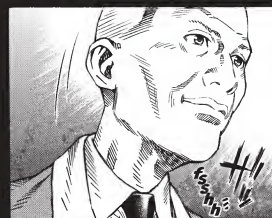






...AND
HIS DOCTOR
SAID IF HE
DIDN'T GET
CYBERIZED,
HE WOULDN'T
LIVE TO SEE
HIS 20TH
BIRTHDAY.

...
WAS
IN BAD
HEALTH
...



HE HAD SUCH
PROMISE
THAT
KENBISHI
SCOUTED HIM
WHILE HE
WAS STILL IN
COLLEGE.

KAGO
HAD A
GIFT FOR
WEAPONS
DESIGN...

WE
WERE
AROUND
THE SAME
AGE...



I
JOINED THE
COMPANY
SOON
AFTER,
AND WE
QUICKLY
BECAME
FRIENDS.

BUT
KAGO
...

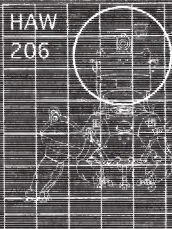


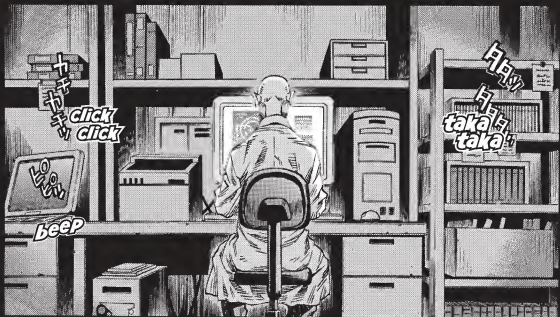
A FEW
YEARS
LATER,
I GOT
CYBERIZED
SO I
COULD
LIVE
LONGER.

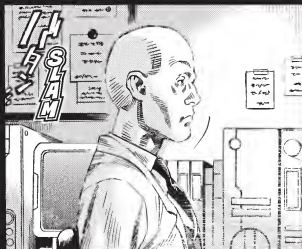
...AND
BOTH HAD
POOR
HEALTH. WE
KNEW WE
WOULDN'T
LIVE VERY
LONG.

*b-
beep*

HAW
206

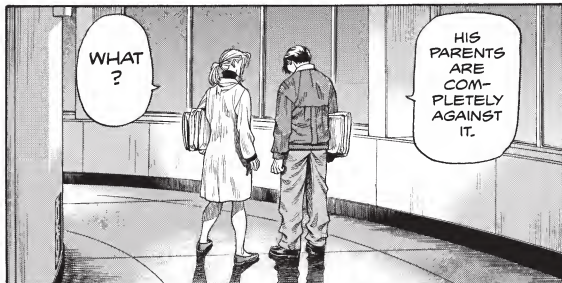
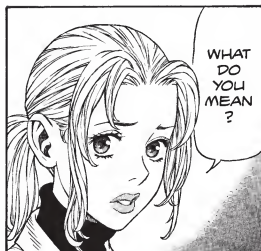


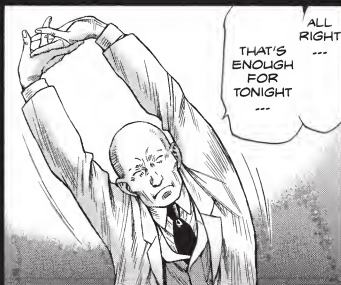








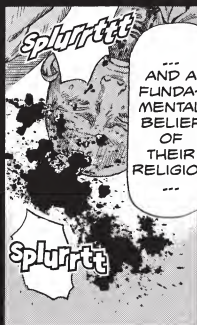




ALL
RIGHT
...
THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR
TONIGHT
...

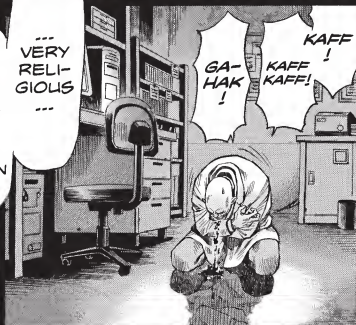


GA-
HAK!



...
AND A
FUNDAM-
ENTAL
BELIEF
OF
THEIR
RELIGION
...

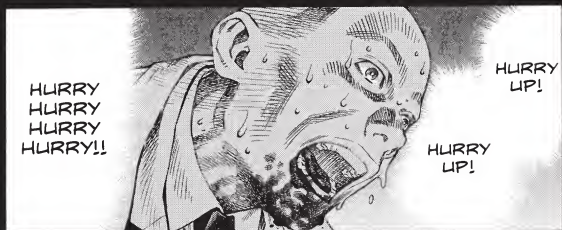
...
VERY
RELI-
GIOUS
...

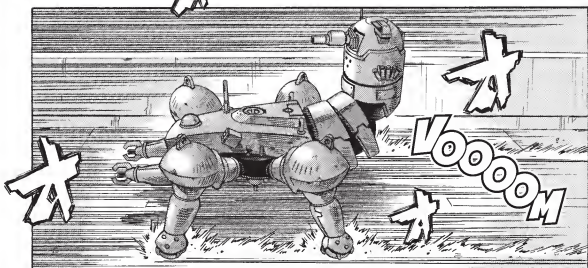
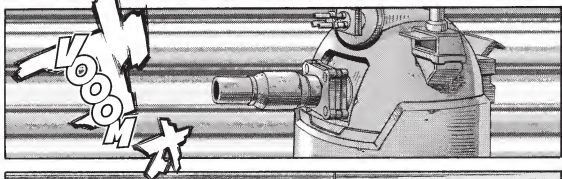
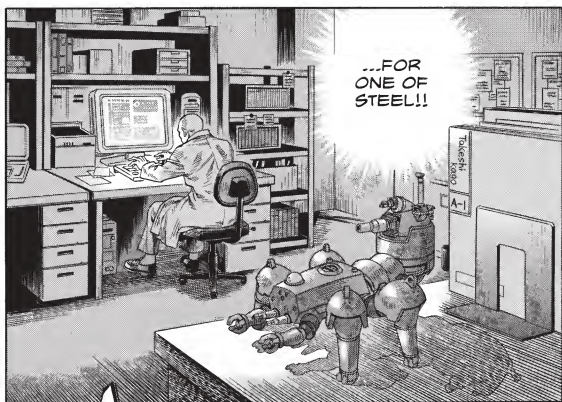


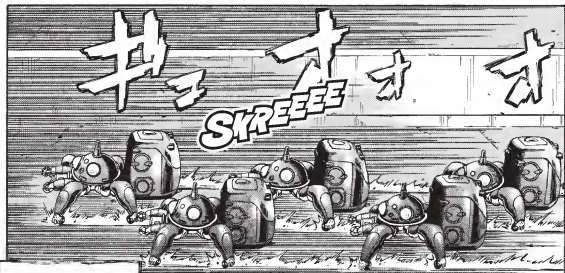
GA-
HAK
!

KAFF
KAFF!
KAFF!

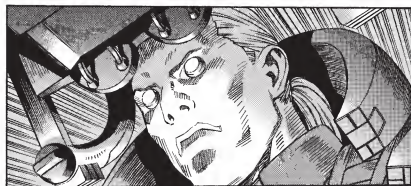
KAFF
!





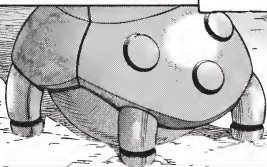


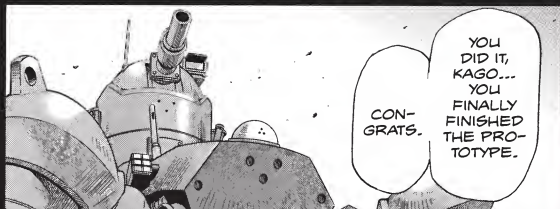
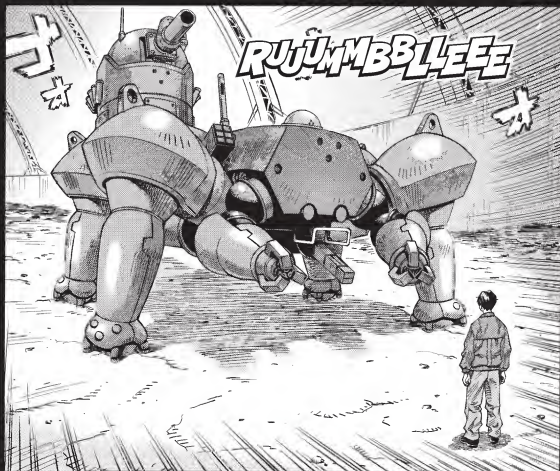
WHEN KAGO
TURNED
TWENTY, HE
DEVOTED
HIMSELF
COMPLETELY
TO HIS RE-
SEARCH.



HIS
DETERMINA-
TION TO DE-
VELOP THE
NEW TANK
KEPT HIM
ALIVE FOR
EIGHT MORE
YEARS...

BUT...





**ŌBA-
SAN!**

**IT'S
AMAZ-
ING
---**



**ŌBA-
SAN!**

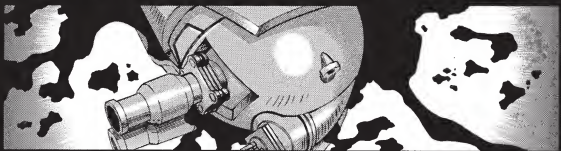
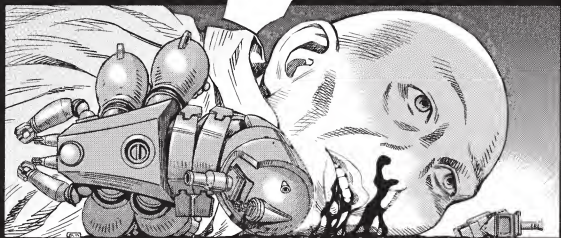
08

**IMP
IMP**

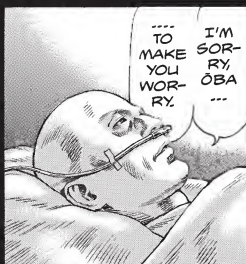
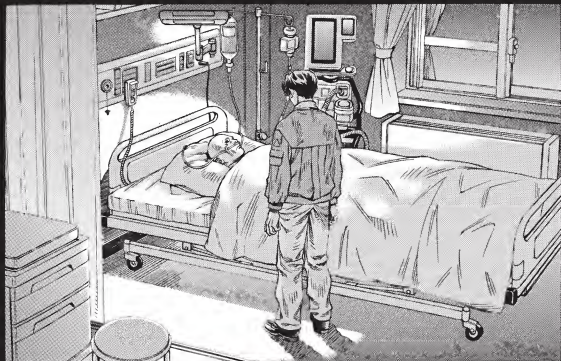
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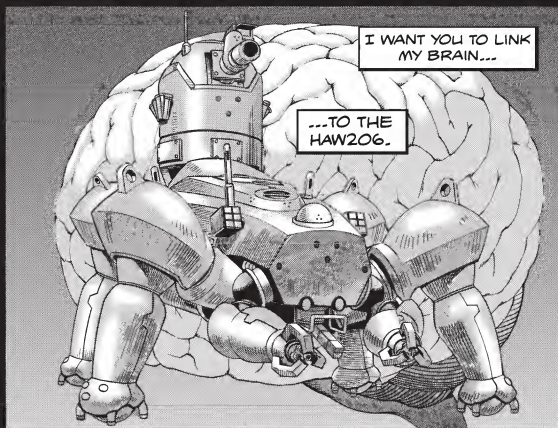
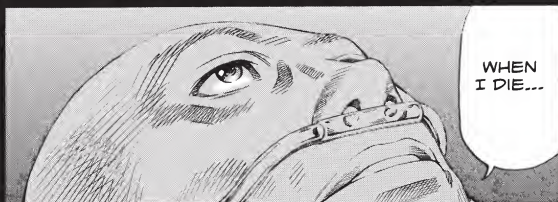
**IT'S
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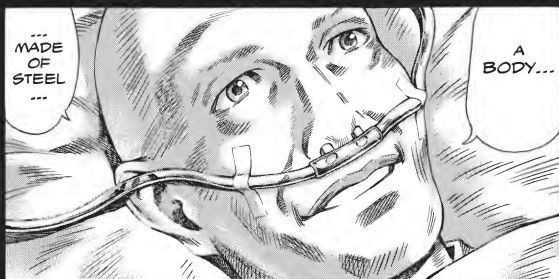
**IT'S
KAGO-
SAN!!**

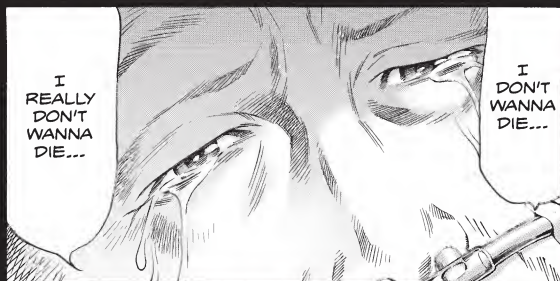
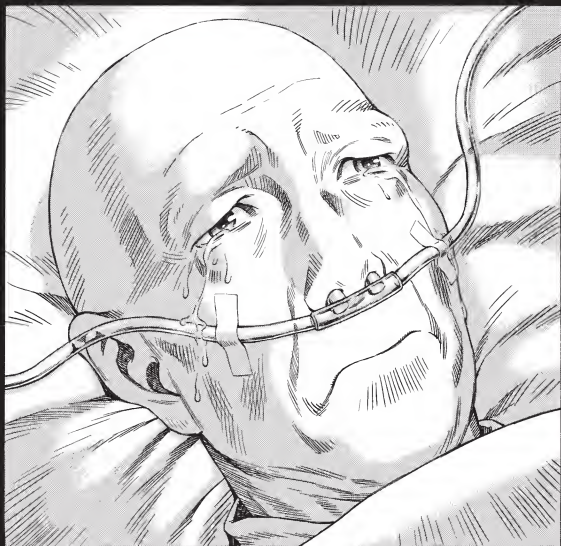


加護 タケシ 様
Takeshi Kago



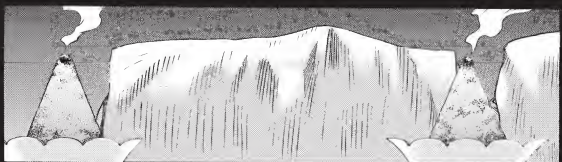
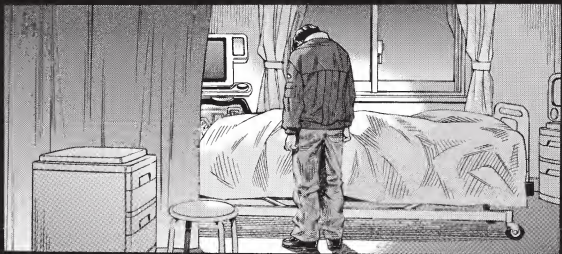


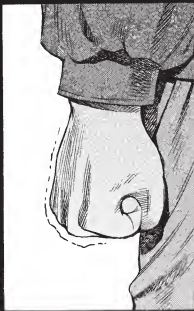
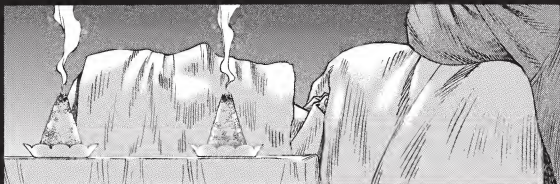


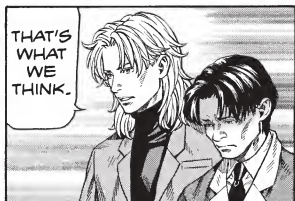
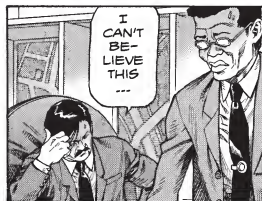
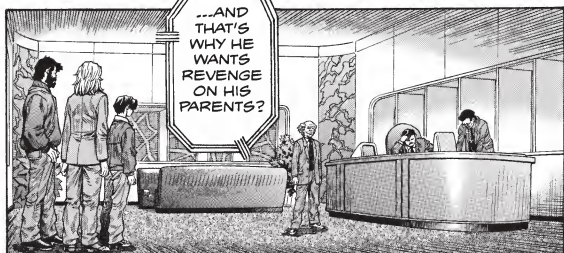
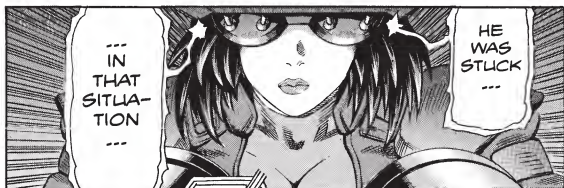
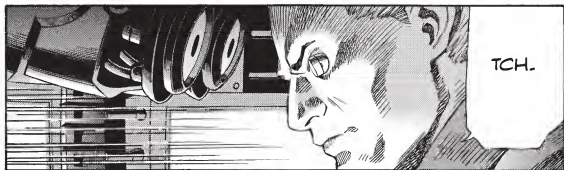


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REALLY
DON'T
WANNA
DIE...

I
DON'T
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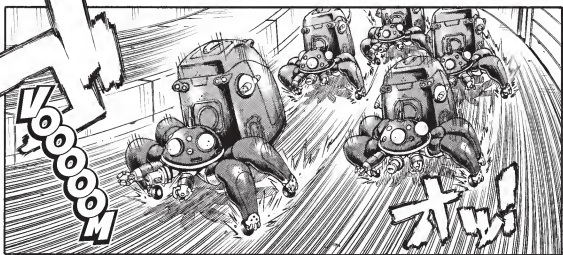
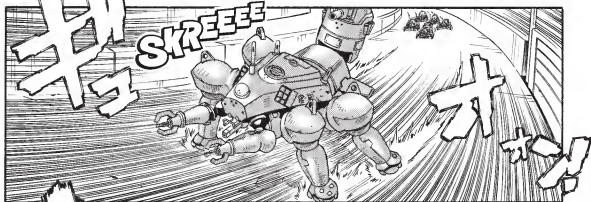
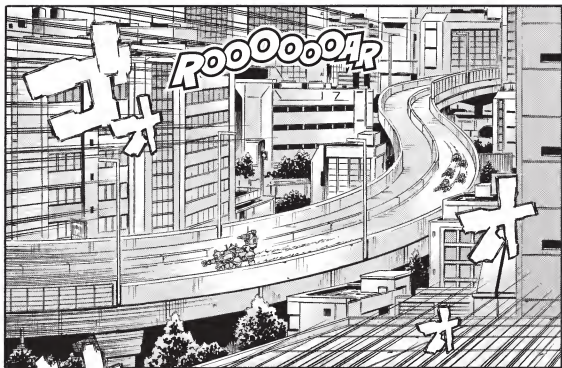
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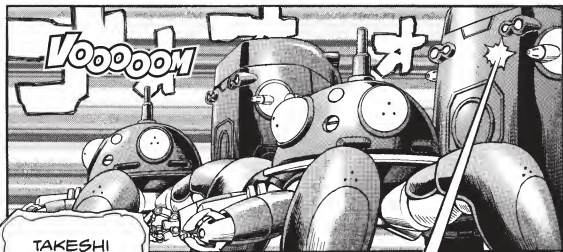
A
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TANK HELL
BENT ON
REVENGE

#015 / End

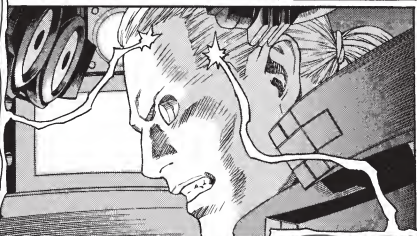
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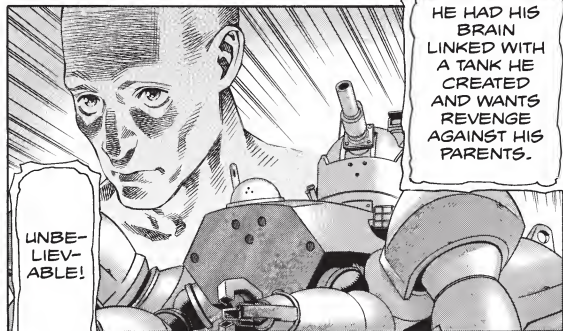




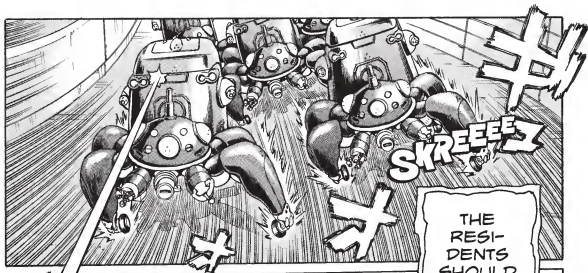
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WITH A
GRUDGE
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WHO HAD
FORBIDDEN
HIM FROM
GETTING
CYBERIZED.



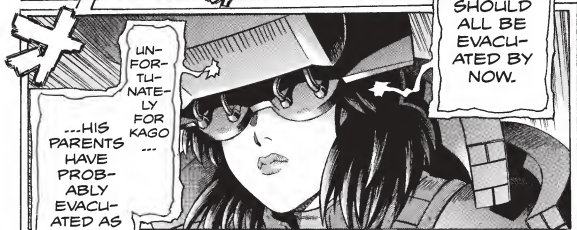
HE HAD HIS
BRAIN
LINKED WITH
A TANK HE
CREATED
AND WANTS
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AGAINST HIS
PARENTS.



UNBE-
LIEV-
ABLE!

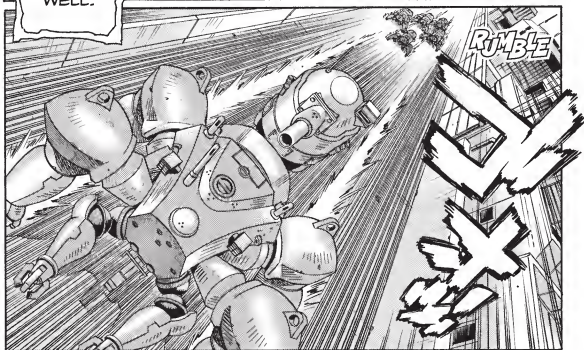


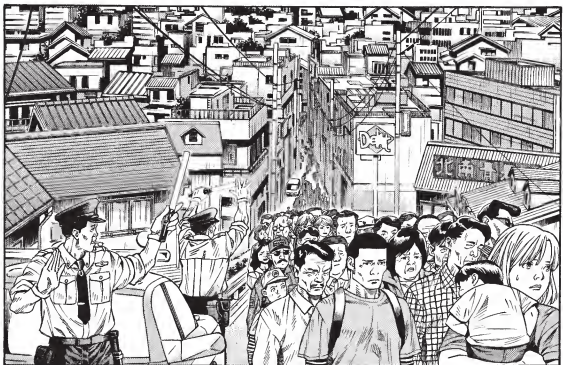
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SHOULD
ALL BE
EVACU-
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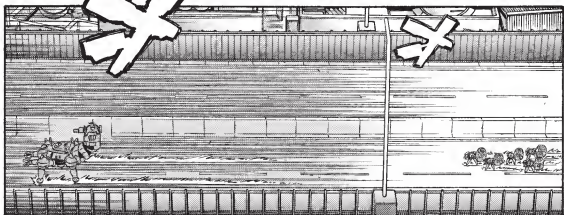
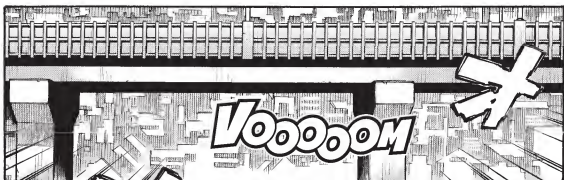


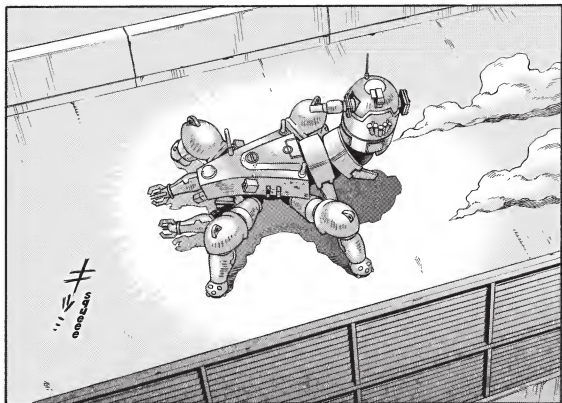
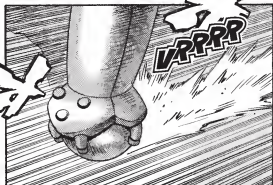
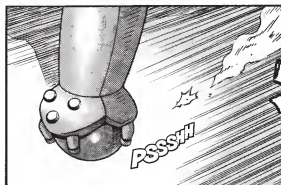
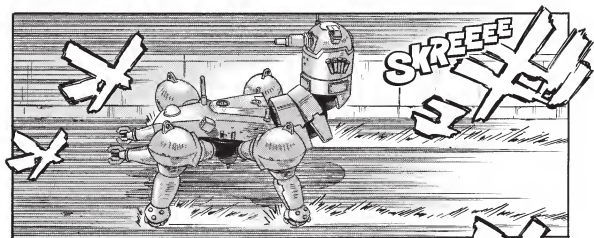
...HIS
PARENTS
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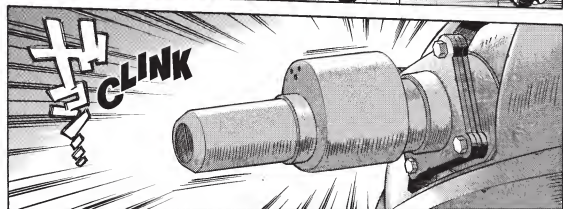
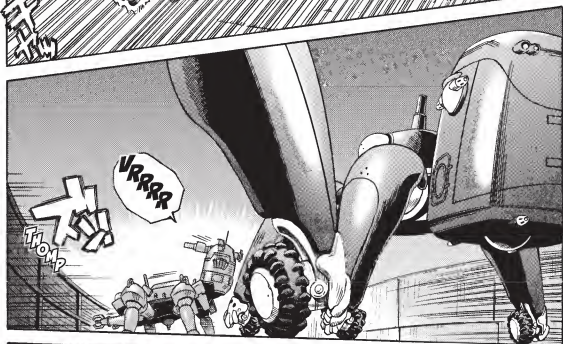
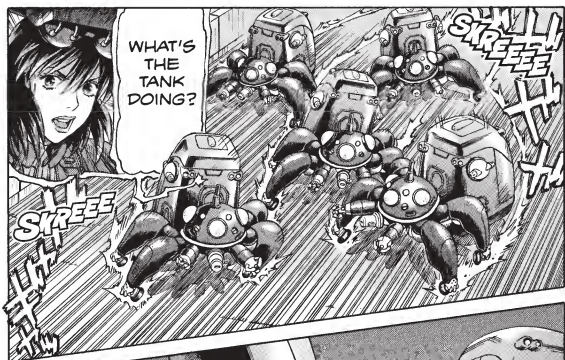


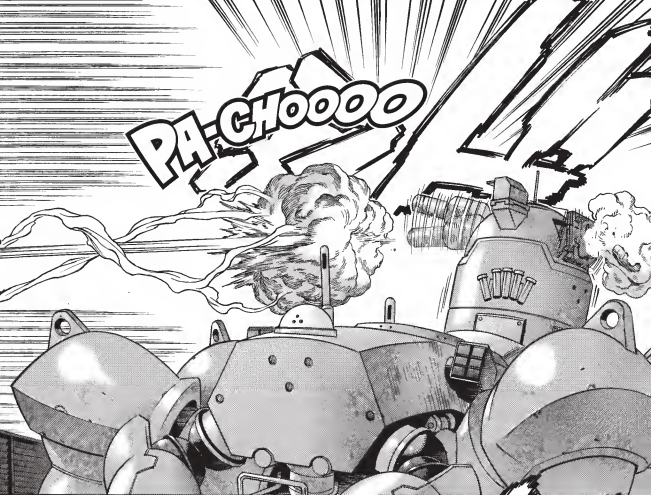


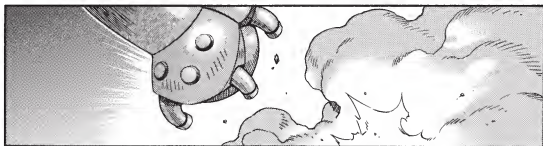
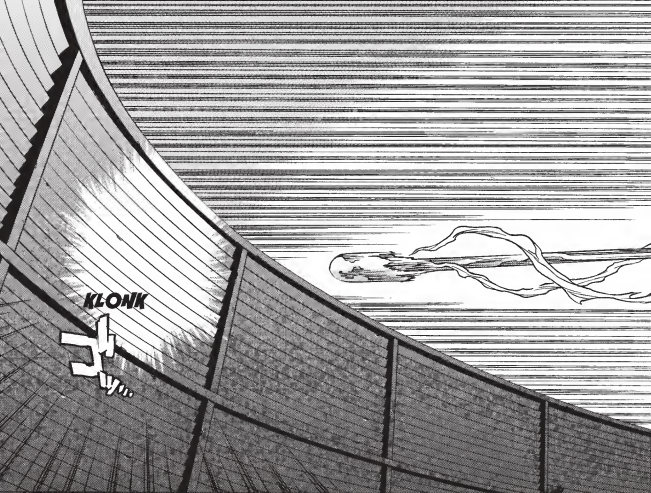


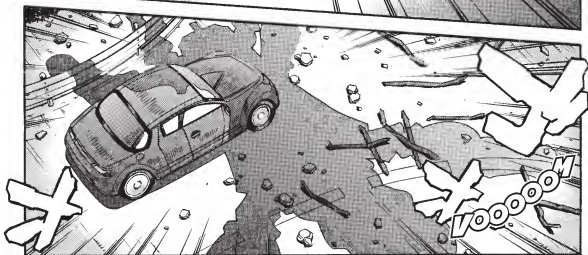
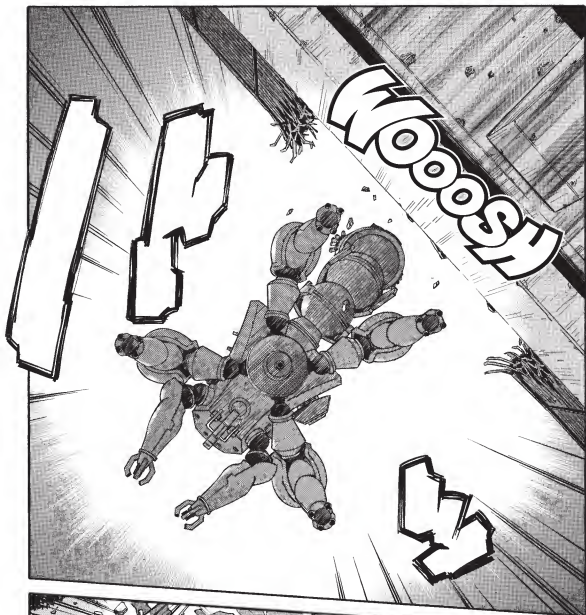


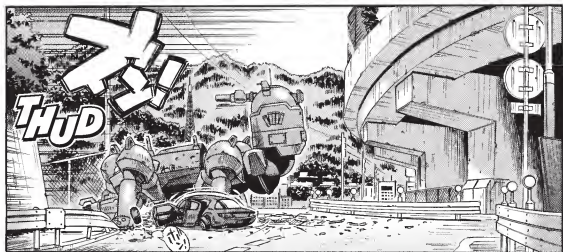
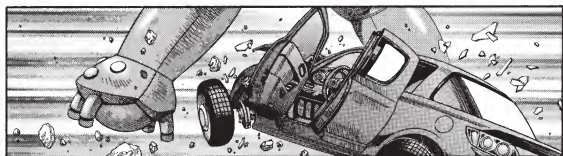
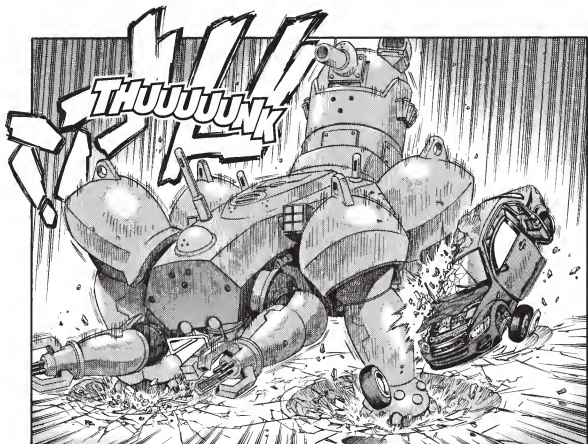










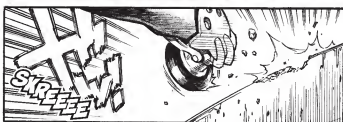




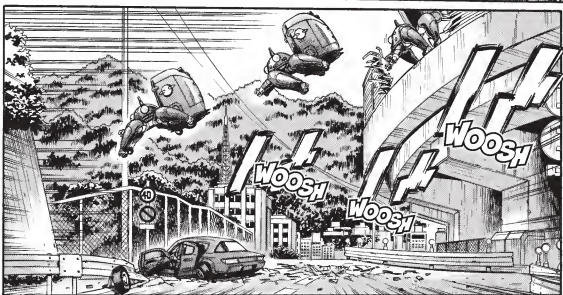
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ENTS'
HOUSE
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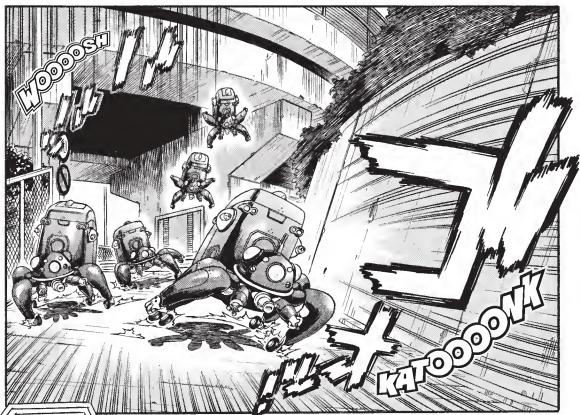


AHHH!
IT
JUMP-
ED THE
WALL!



FOL-
LOW
HIM!



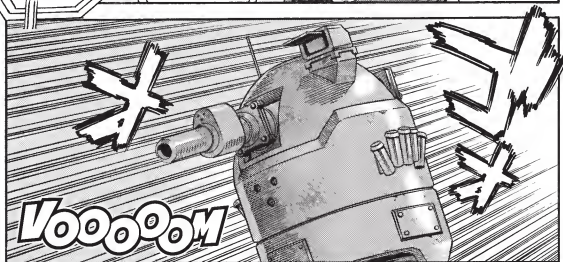


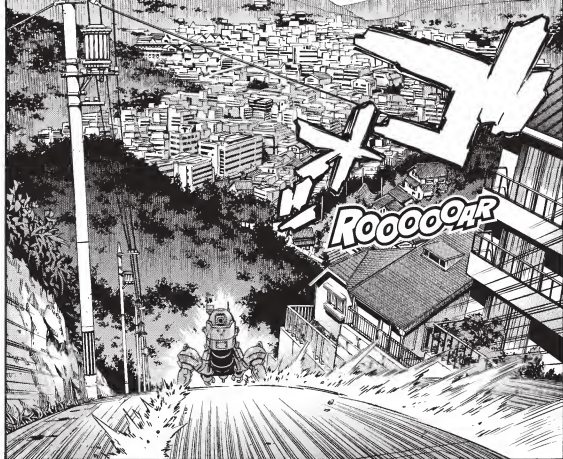
NOT
MY
STYLE.

SHOULD
WE
BRING
OUT
THE
SPECIAL
FORCES?



WE
CAN'T
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HIM
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THE
TACHIKO-
MA.

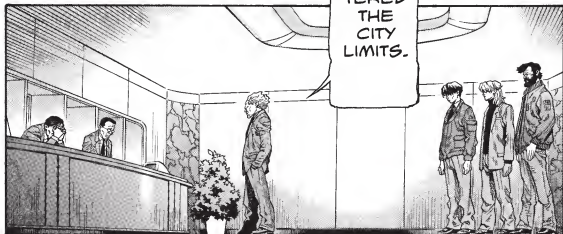


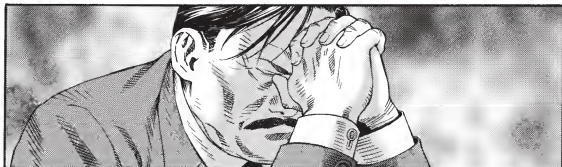


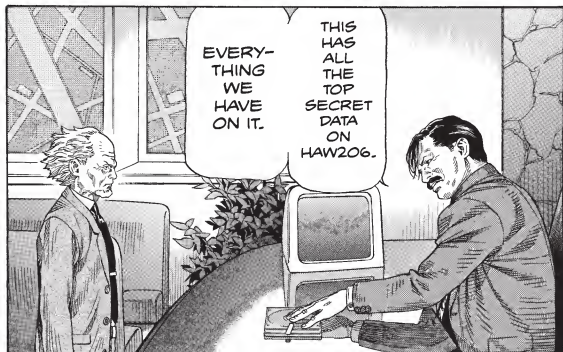
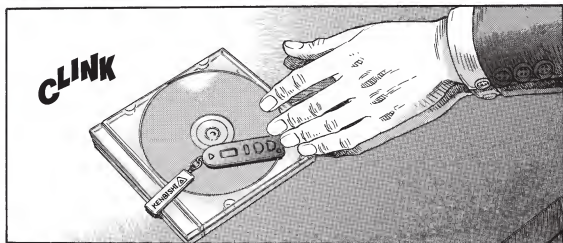
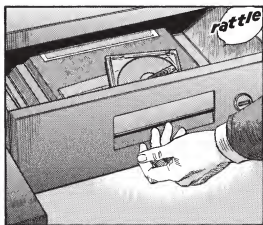
KENBISHI HEADQUARTERS,
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

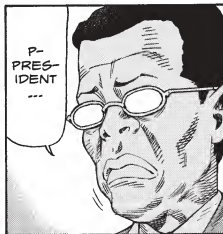
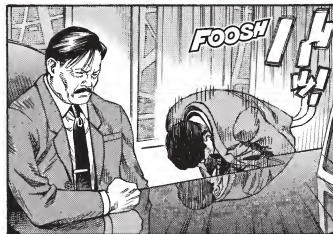


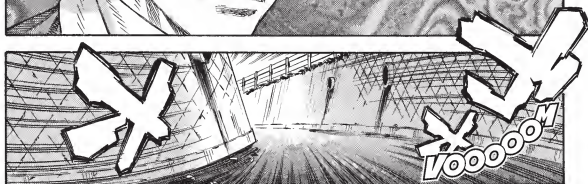
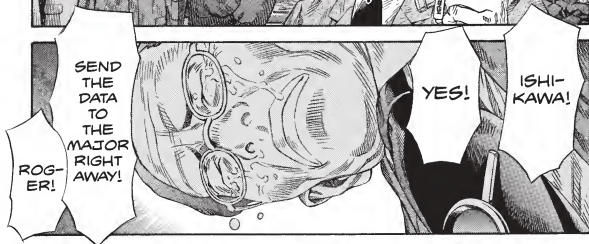
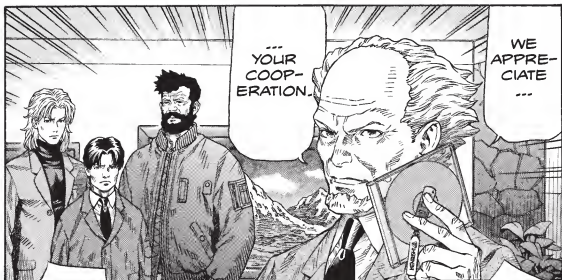
IT'S
ENTERED
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CITY
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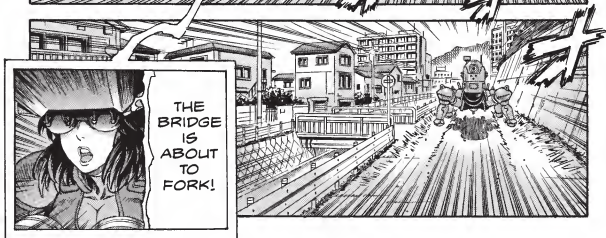
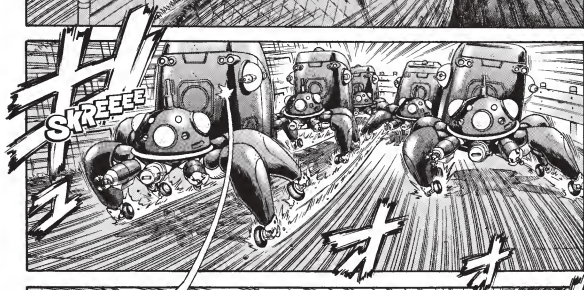


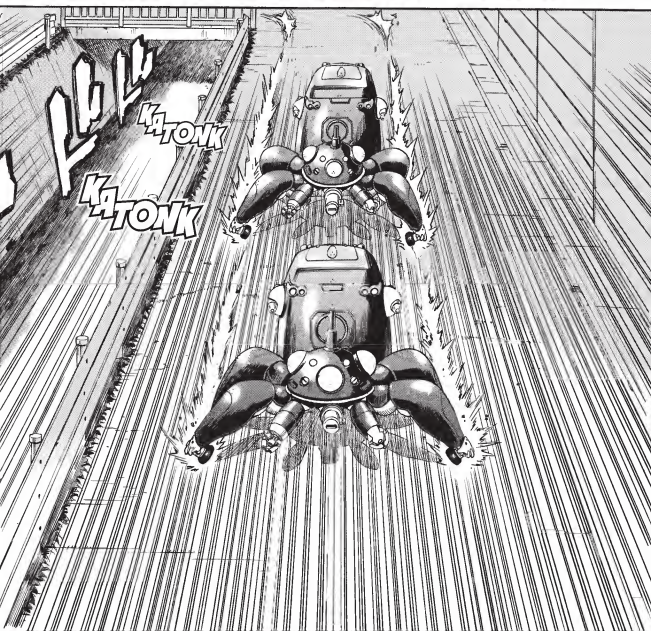
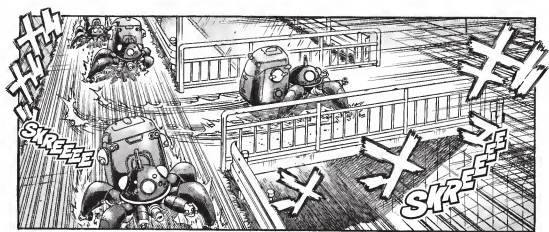


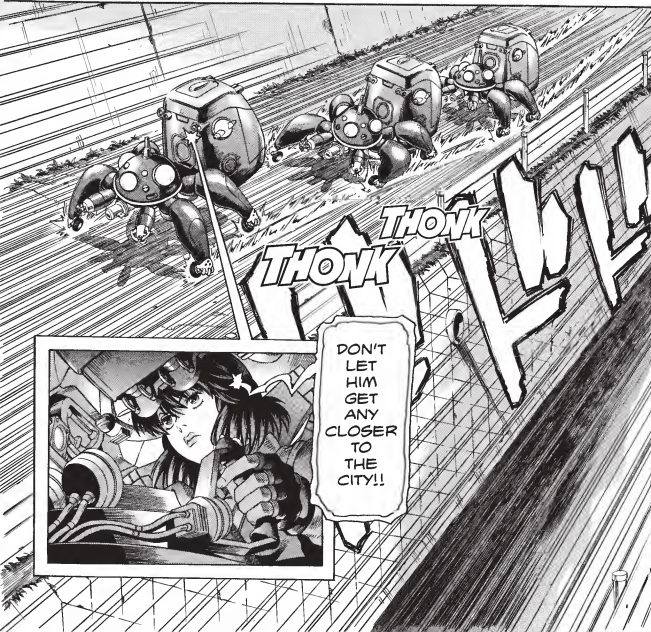
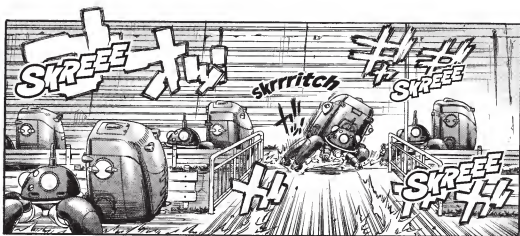


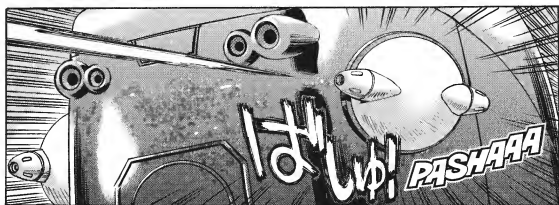
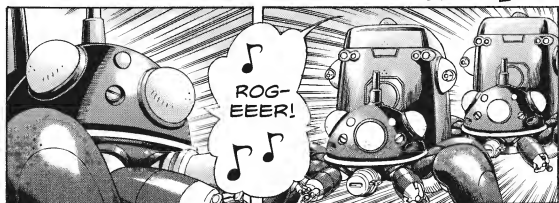
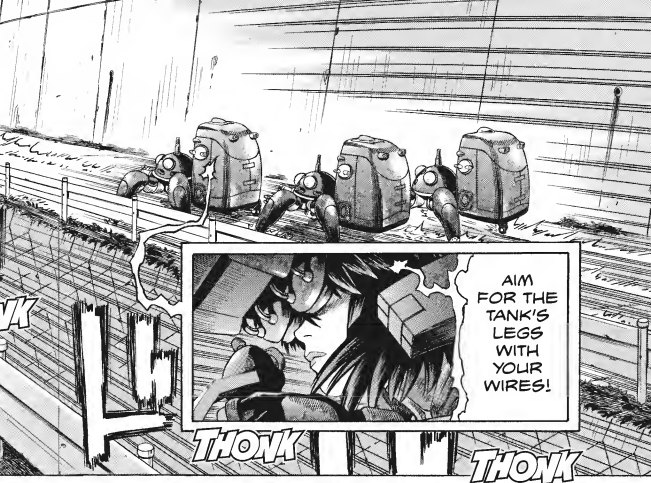


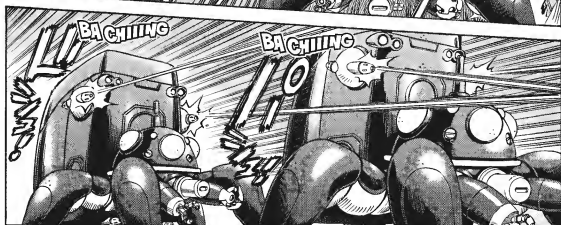
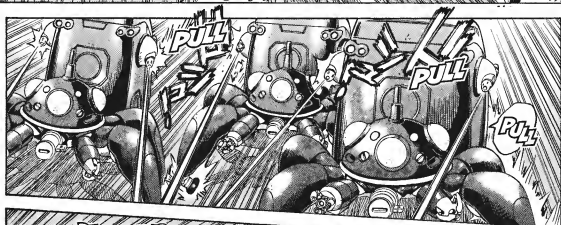
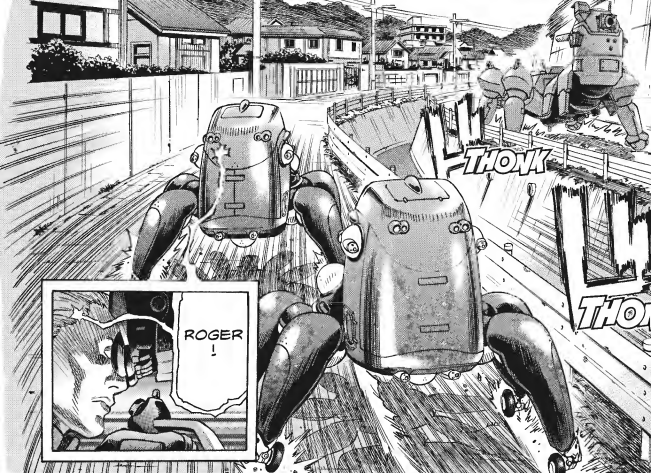


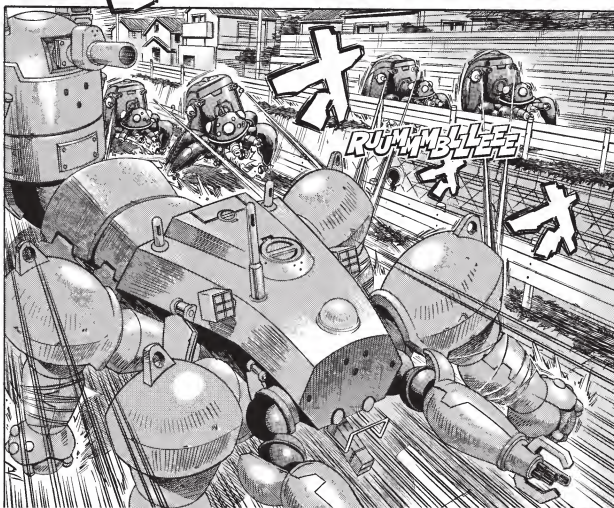
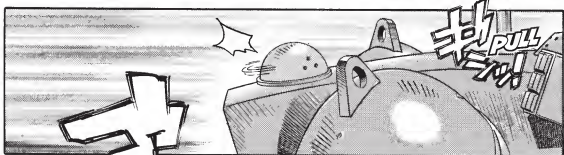


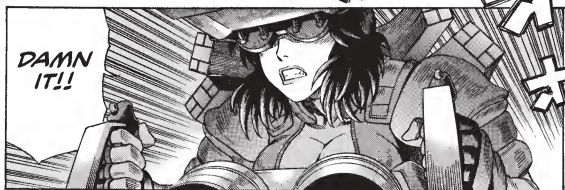
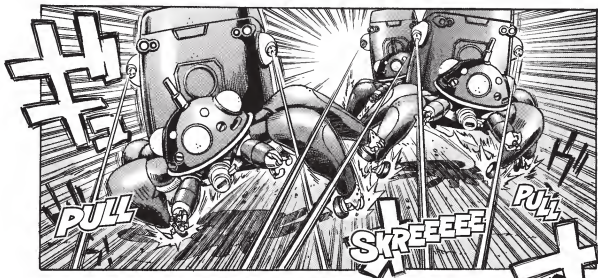
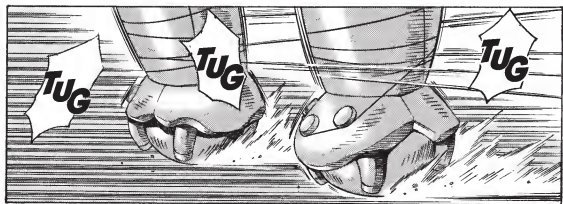


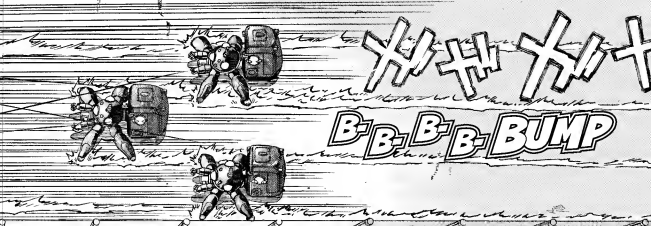






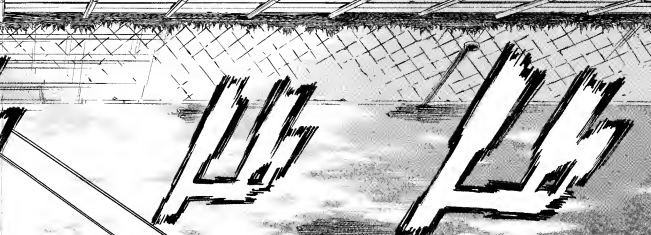




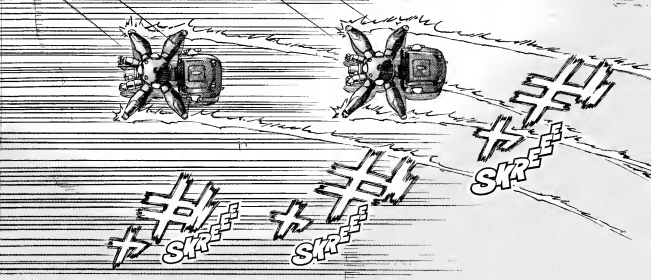


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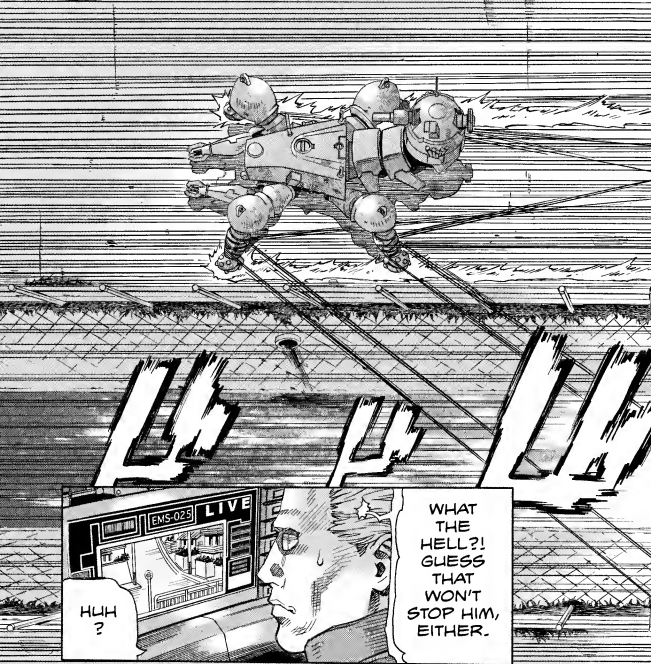
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X SREE

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HUH
?

WHAT
THE
HELL?!
GUESS
THAT
WON'T
STOP HIM,
EITHER.

A
HILL

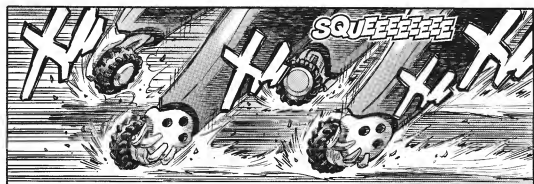
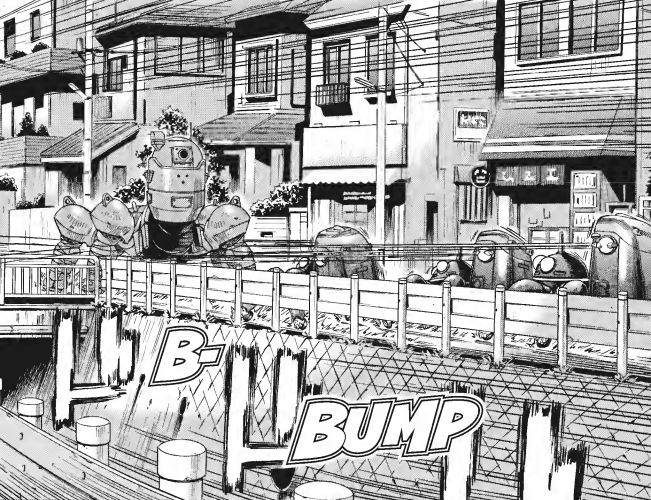
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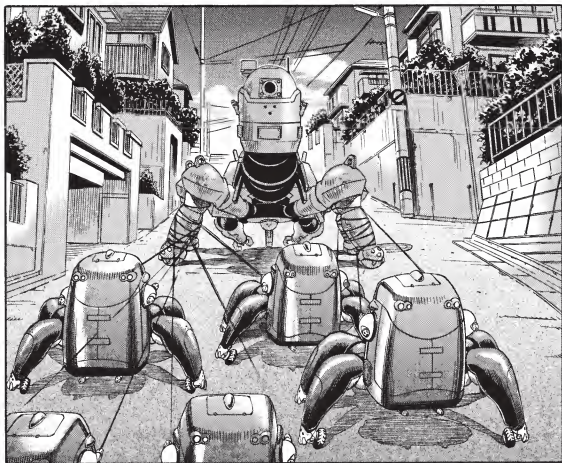
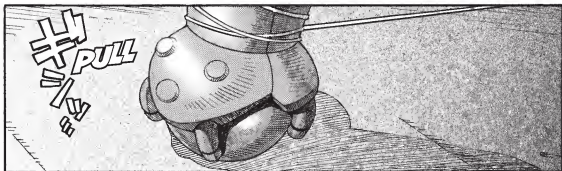
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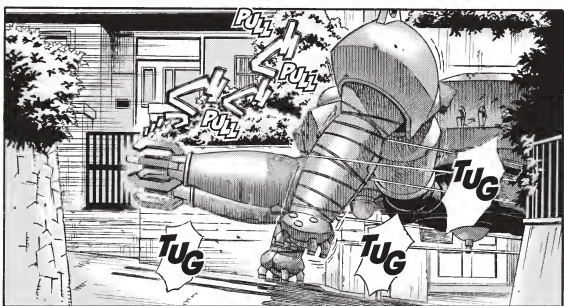
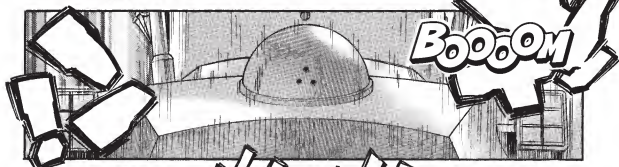
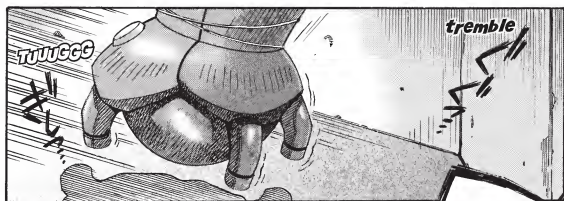


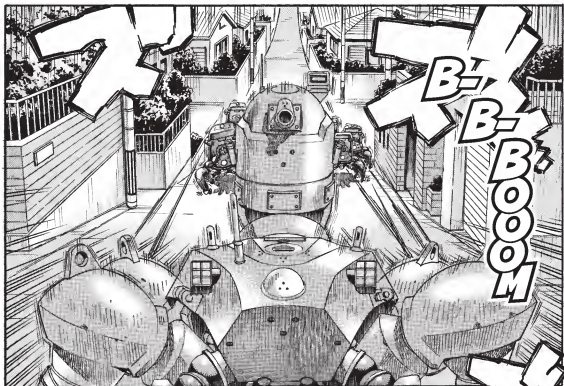
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STILL LIFE
FOLLOW
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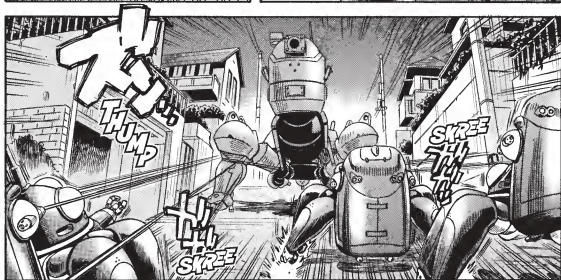


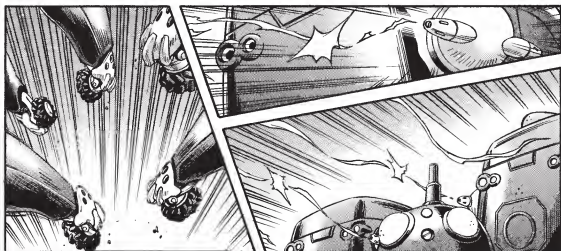
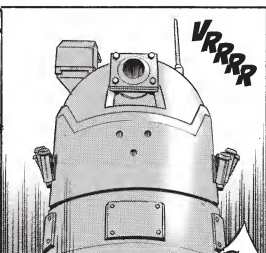
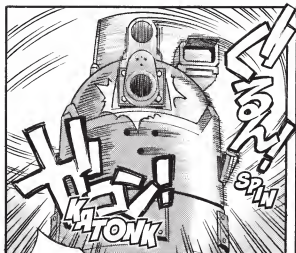


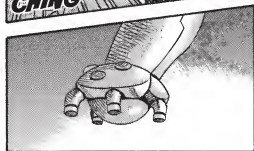
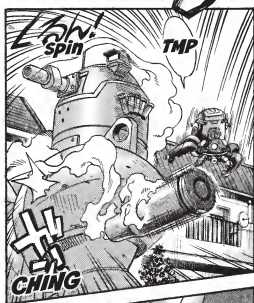


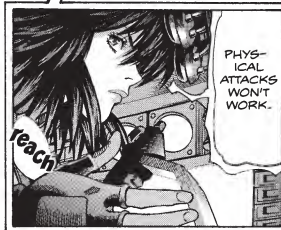
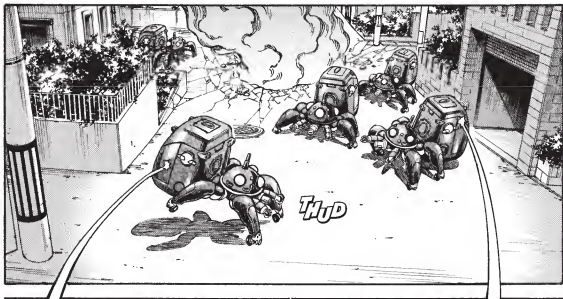
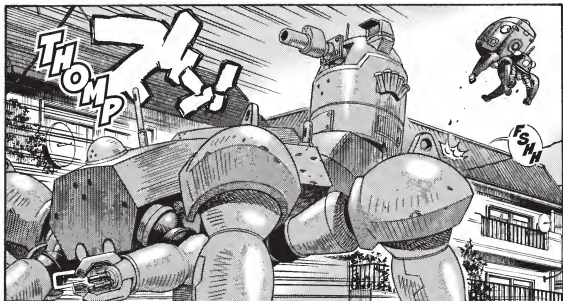


BAS-
TARD'S
PULLING
THE
TACHIKO-
MAS UP
THE HILL
WITH
HIM.

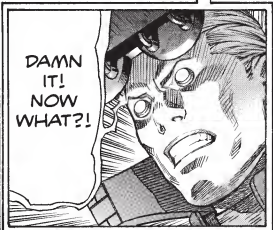




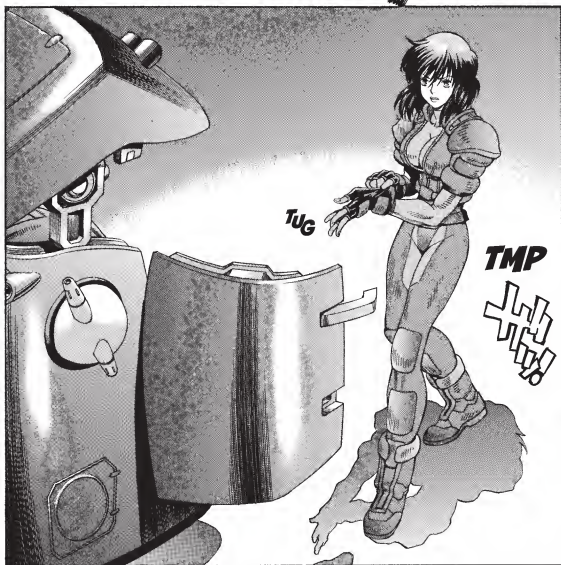
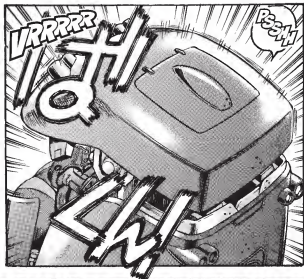
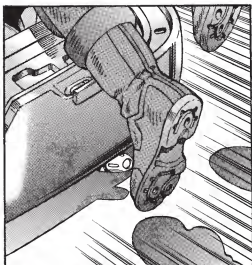




PHYSICAL
ATTACKS
WON'T
WORK..



DAMN
IT!
NOW
WHAT?!





THE
MILITARY
ATTACK
BARRIER
WILL FRY
YOUR
BRAIN
INSTEAD!!

ARE
YOU
CRAZY
?!

BAAN
BAN
BAN

MAJ-
OR!!
COME
BACK
HERE
!!

MA-
JOO-
OOR
!!

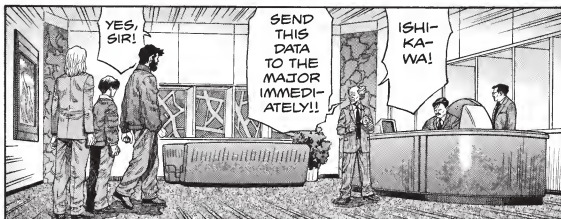
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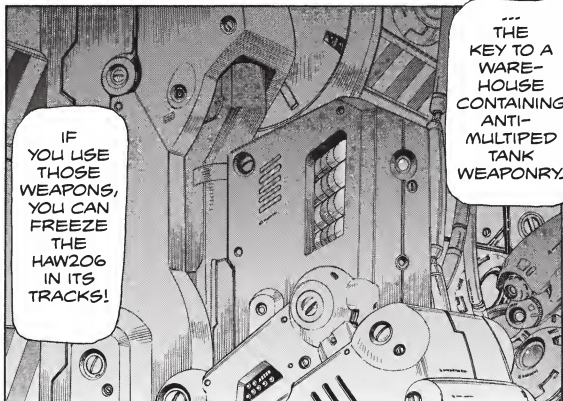
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#016 / End

#017 Cyberbrain Attack







IF
YOU USE
THOSE
WEAPONS,
YOU CAN
FREEZE
THE
HAW206
IN ITS
TRACKS!

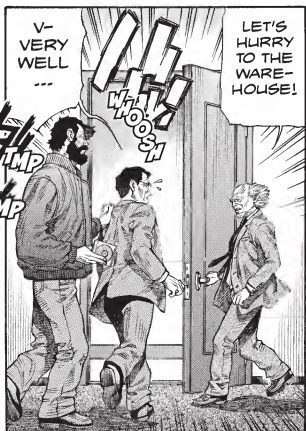
...
THE
KEY TO A
WARE-
HOUSE
CONTAINING
ANTI-
MULTIPLED
TANK
WEAPONRY.



WAIT
...



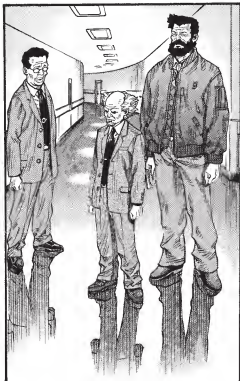
WAIT
...



V-
VERY
WELL
...

LET'S
HURRY
TO THE
WARE-
HOUSE!







I
JUST
KNOW
IT!!

HE'D NEVER
HARM
AN INNO-
CENT
PERSON



I'M
BEG-
GING
YOU!!

SO
PLEASE



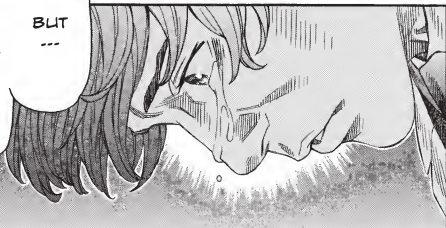
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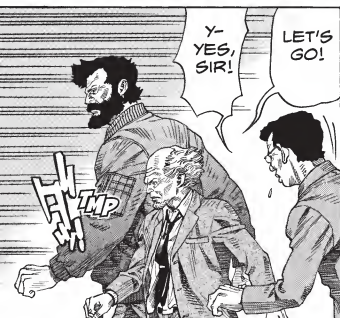
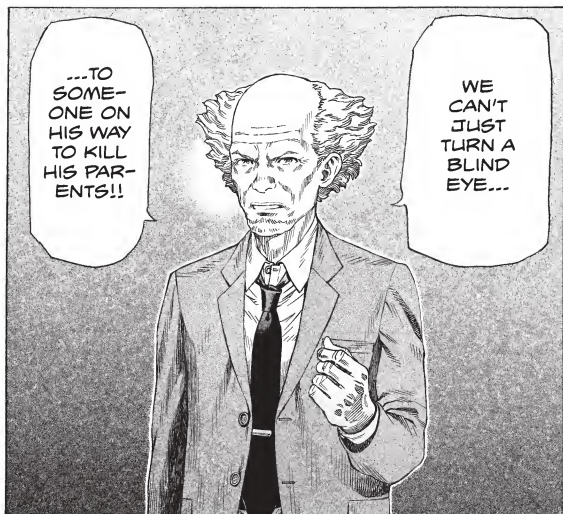
PLEASE
LET THE
HAW206...
LET KAGO
GO!!

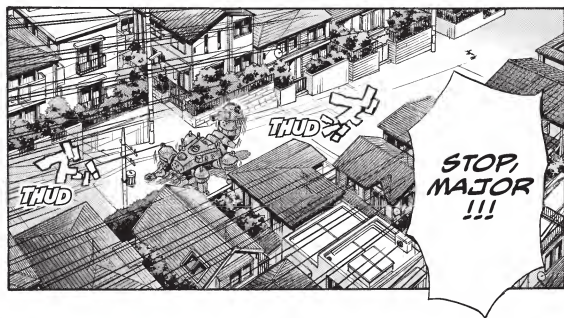
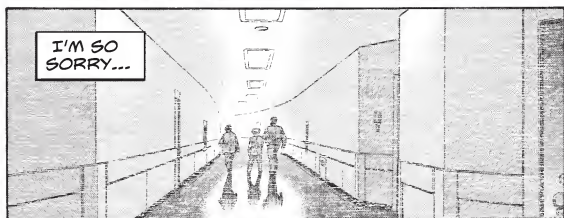
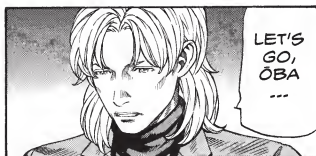


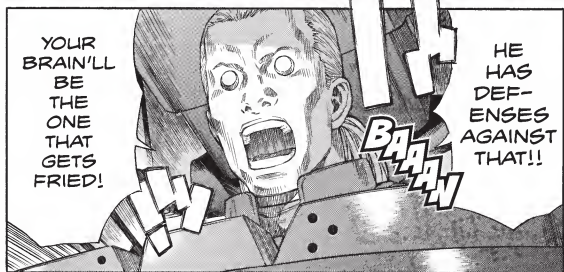
OUR
JOB IS
TO STOP
CATASTRO-
PHES
BEFORE
THEY
HAPPEN.

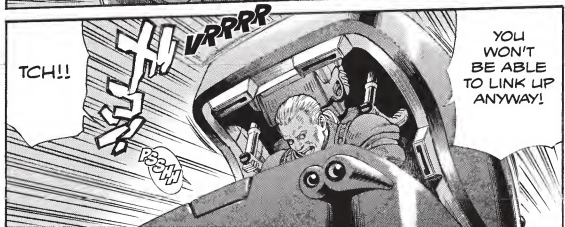
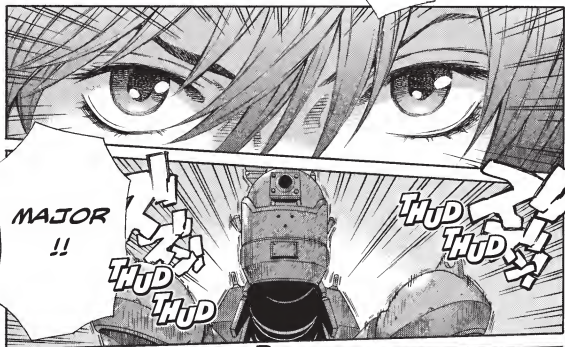
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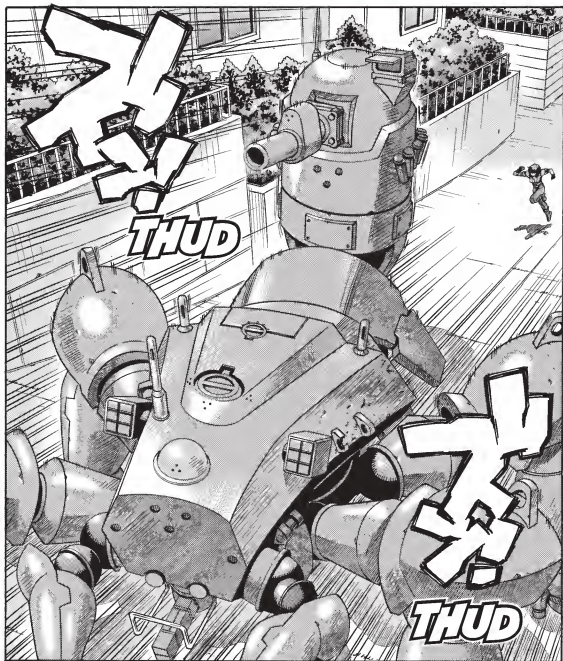




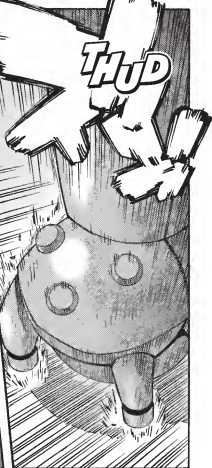
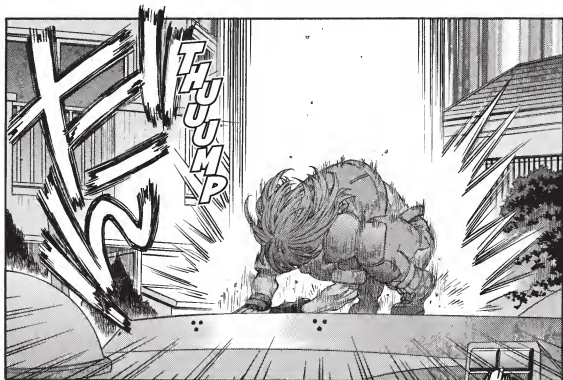


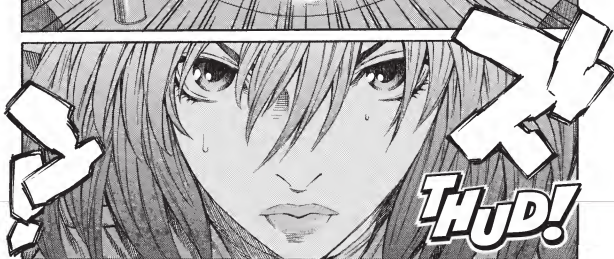


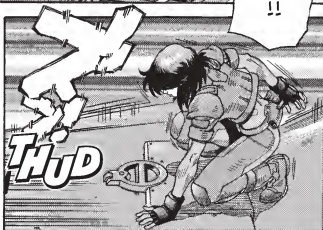
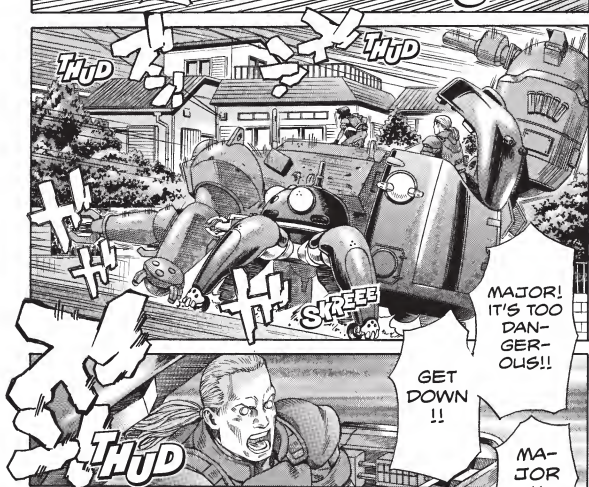


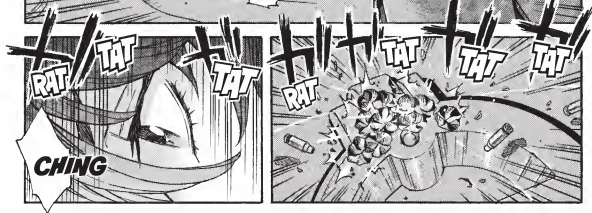
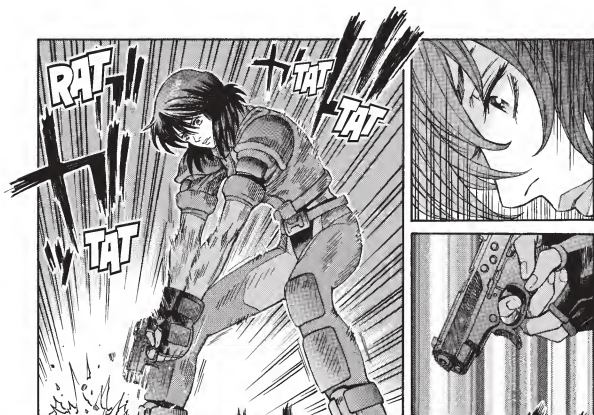


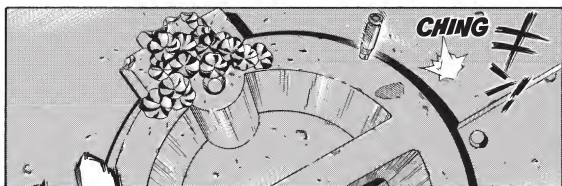


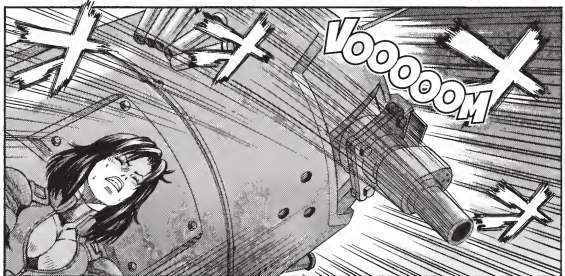
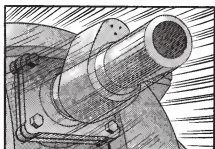
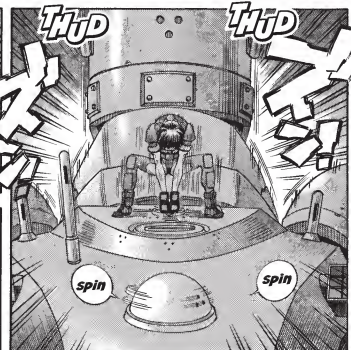
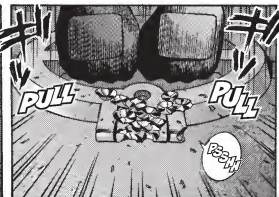
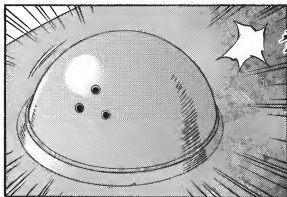


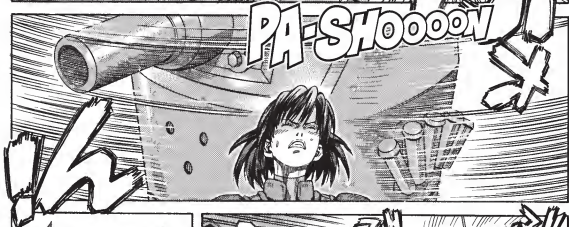
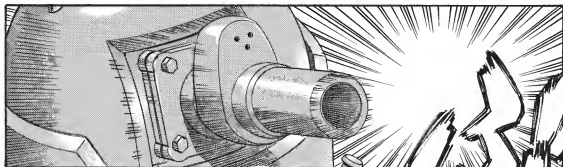




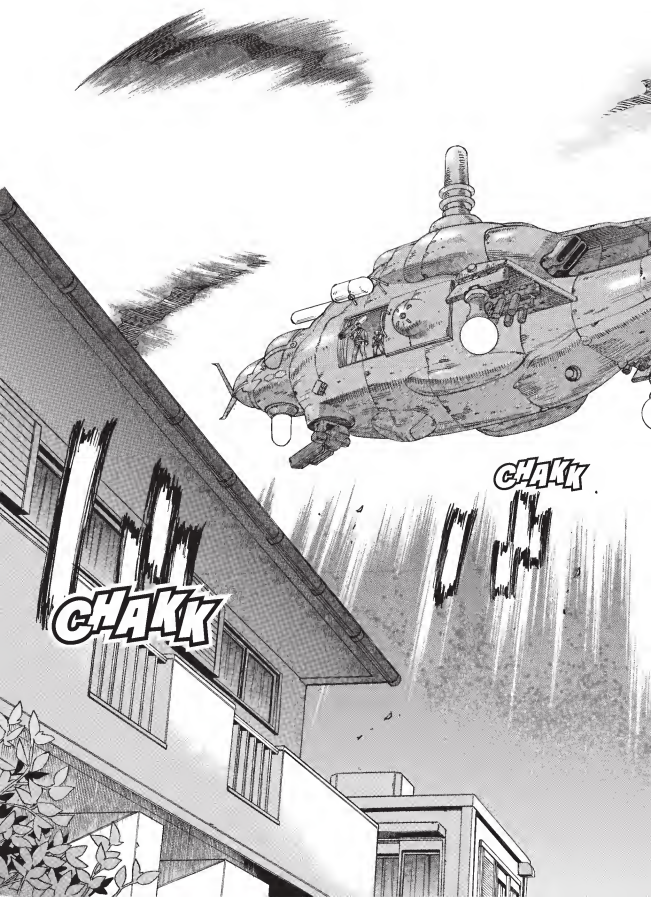






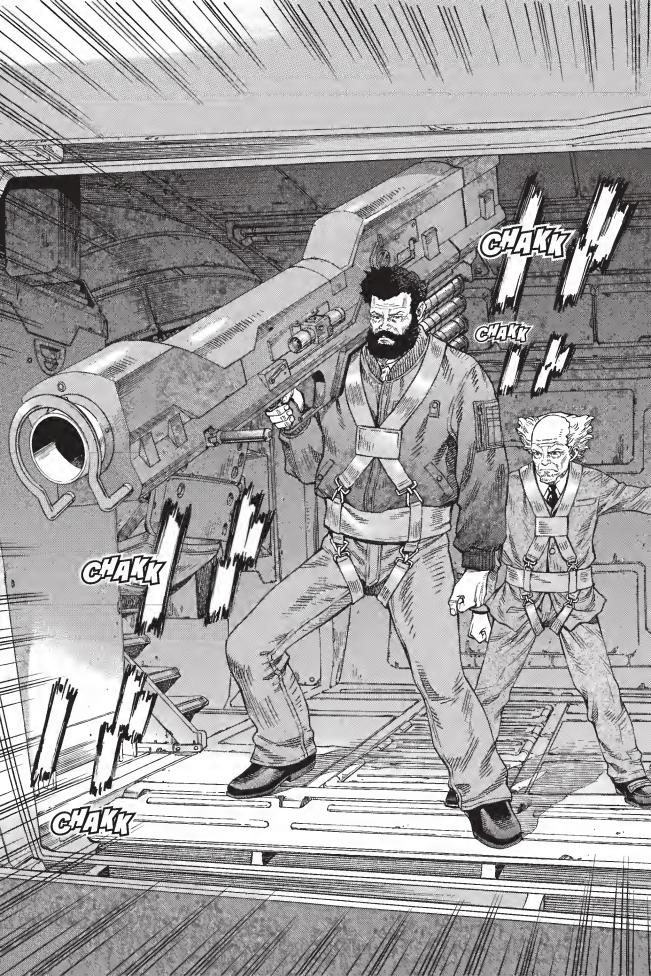


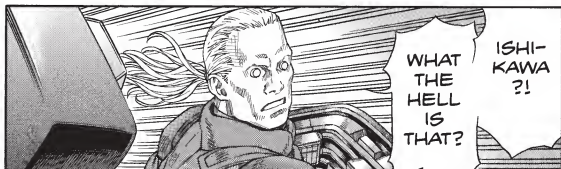


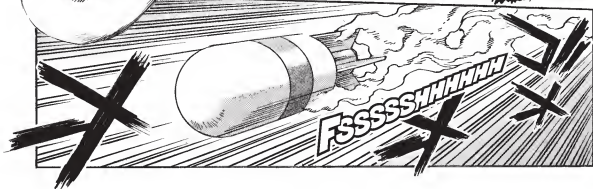
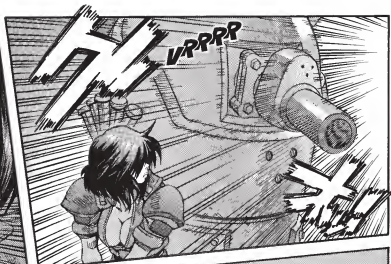


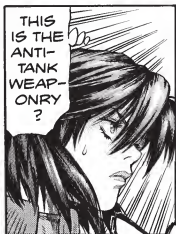
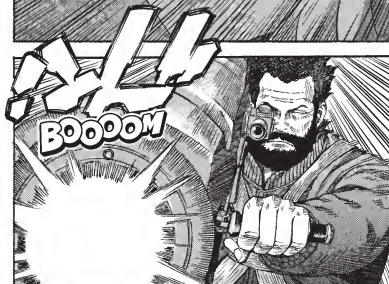
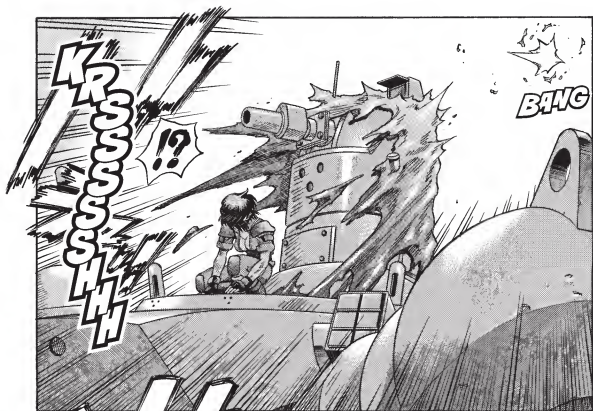
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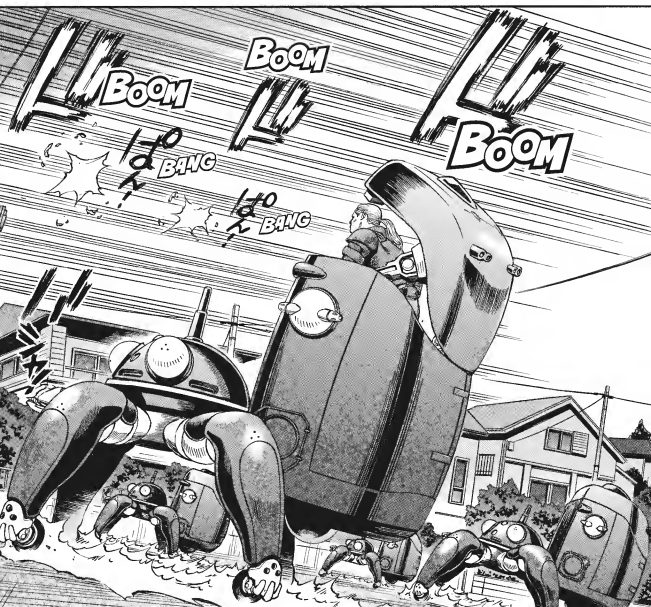
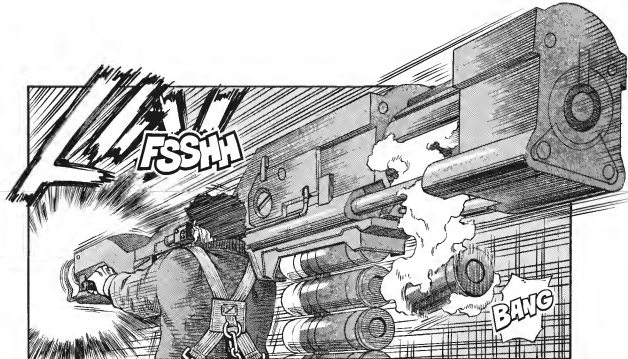
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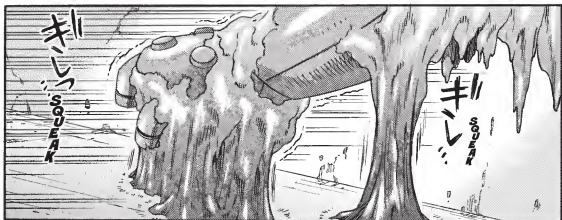






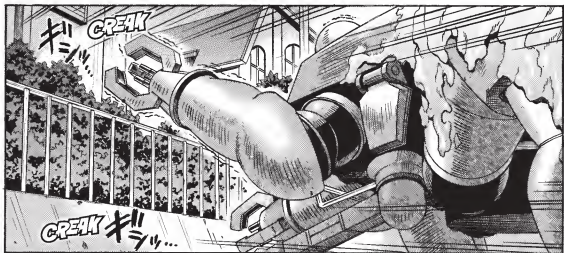
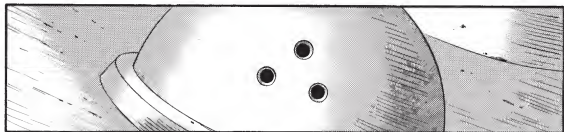
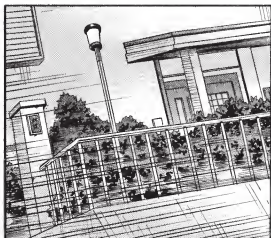
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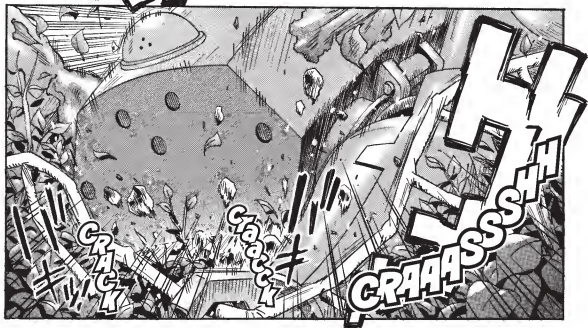
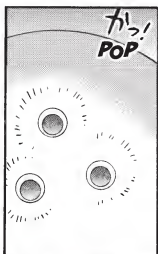
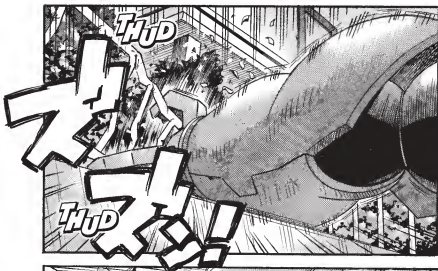
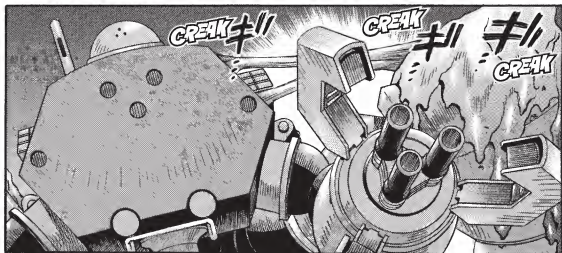


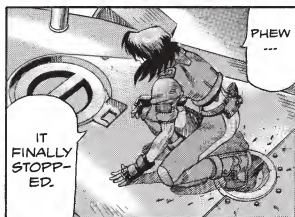
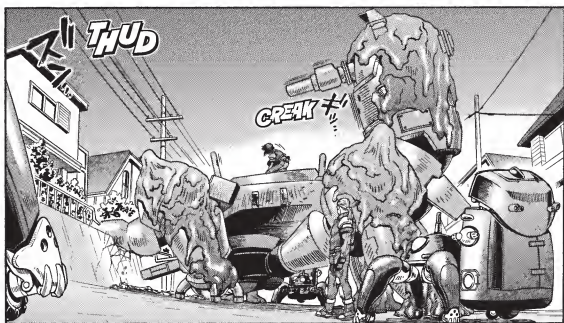


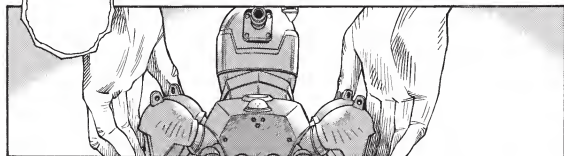
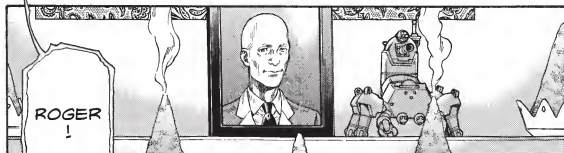
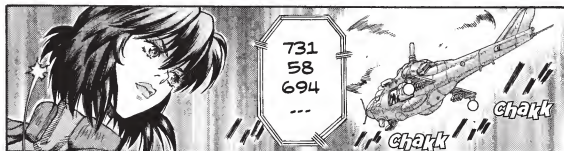
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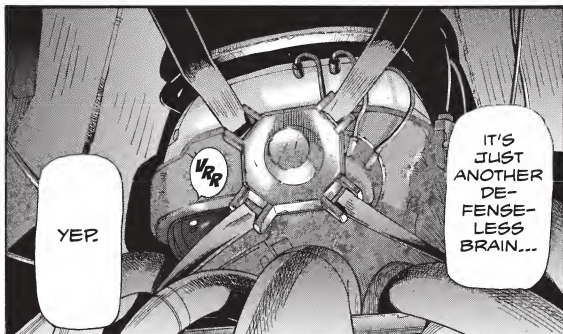
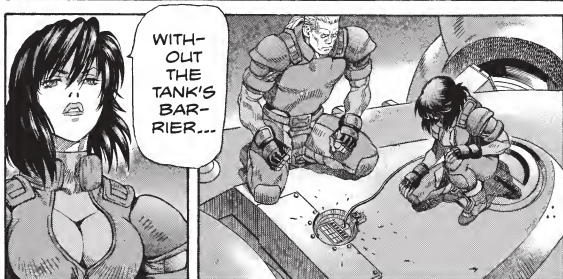
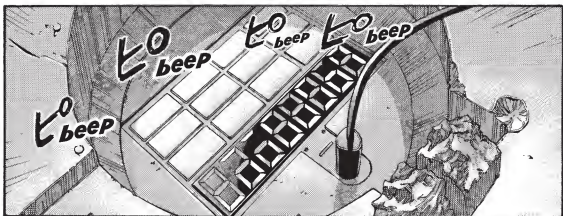


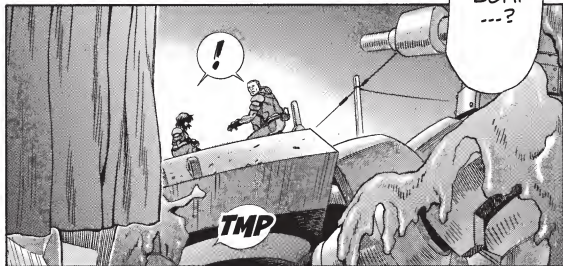
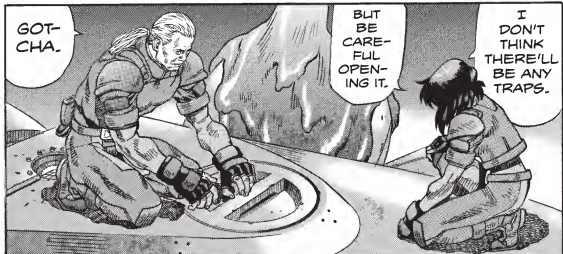
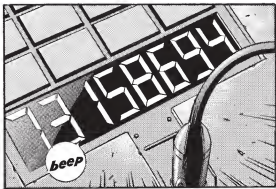
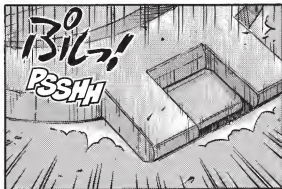


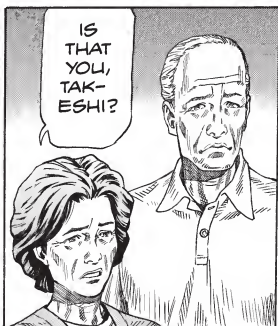
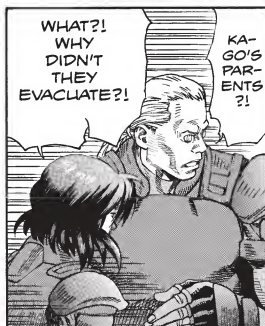


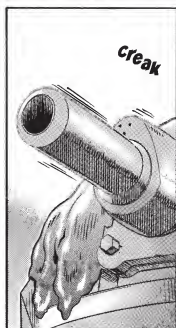
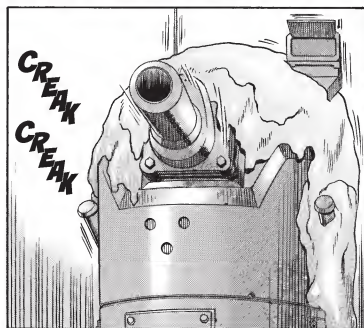
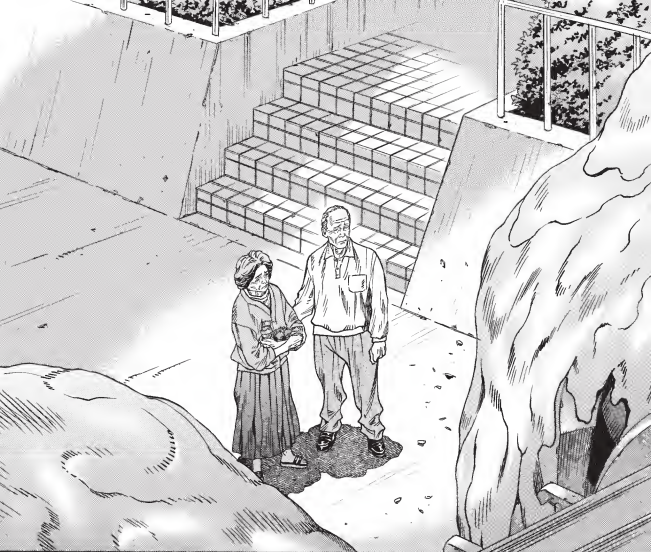


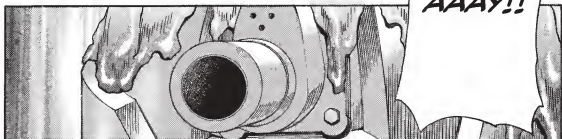
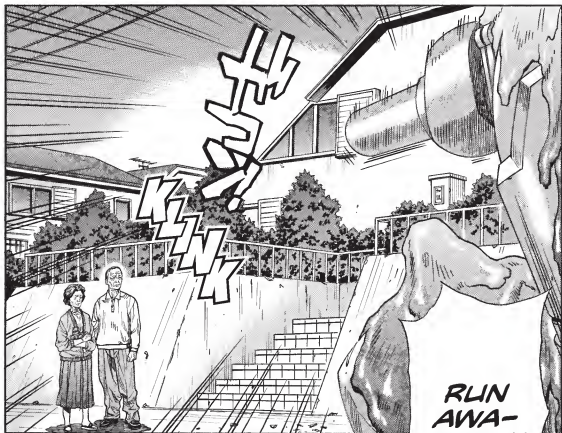
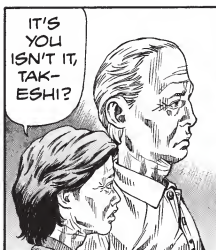






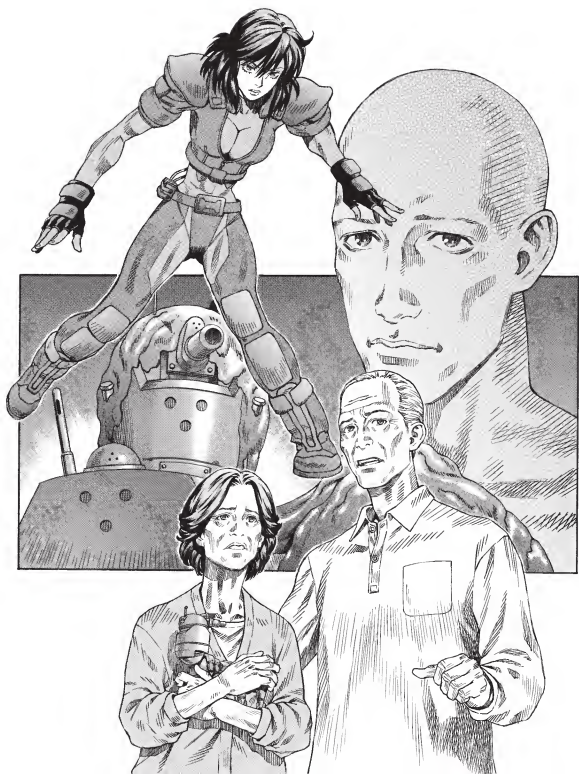


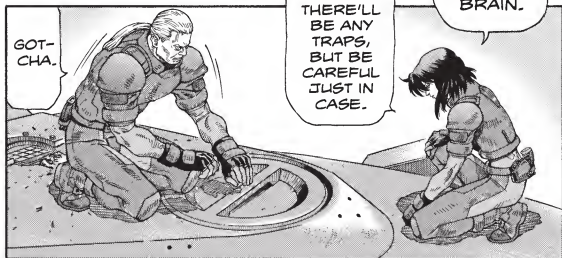
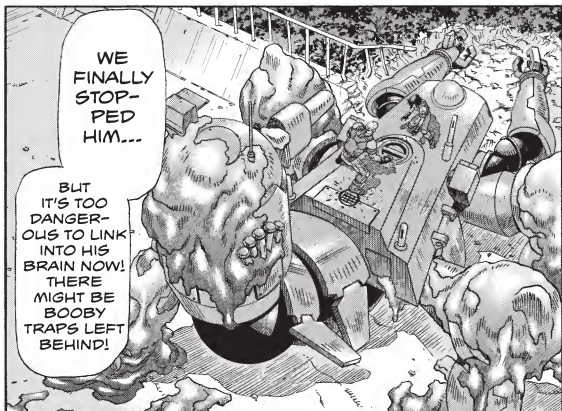


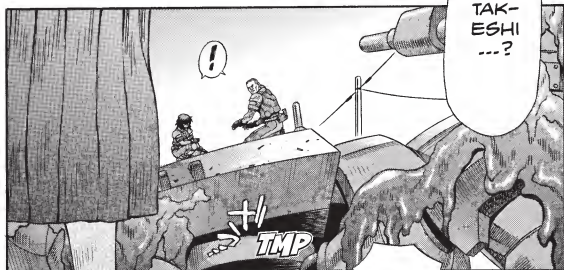


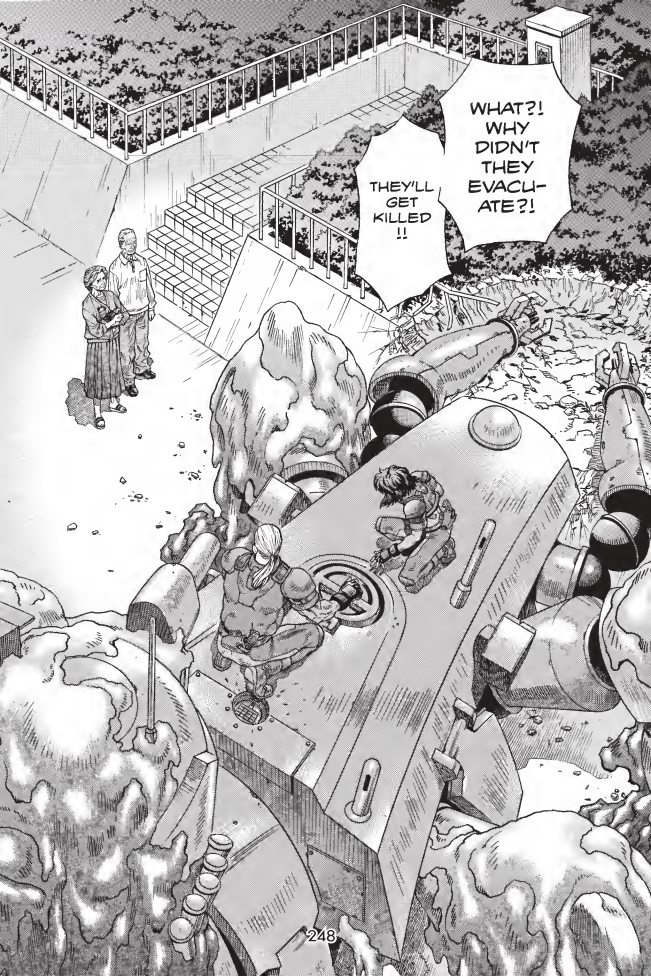
#017 End

#018 Last Feeling



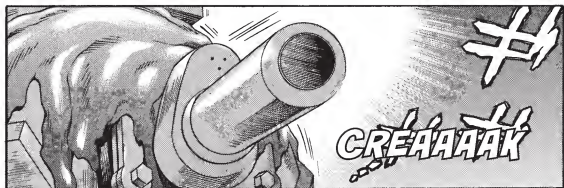


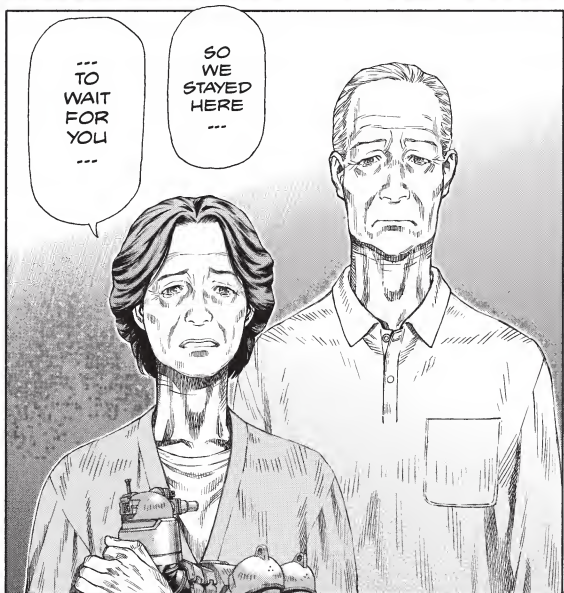
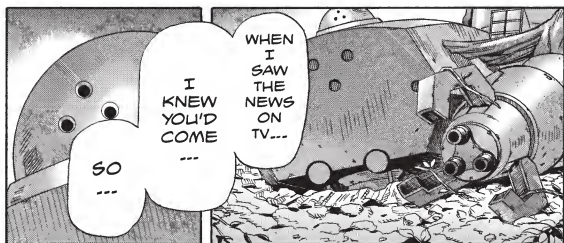


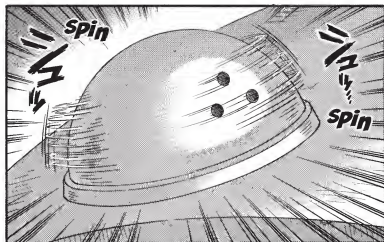


THEY'LL
GET
KILLED
!!

WHAT?!
WHY
DIDN'T
THEY
EVACU-
ATE?!

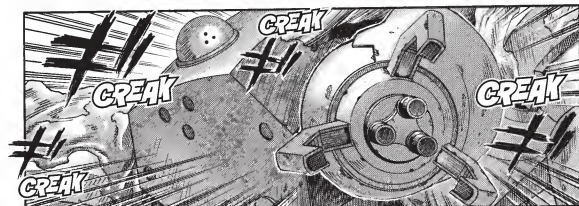
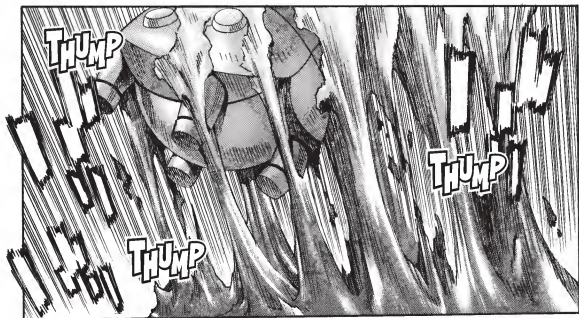








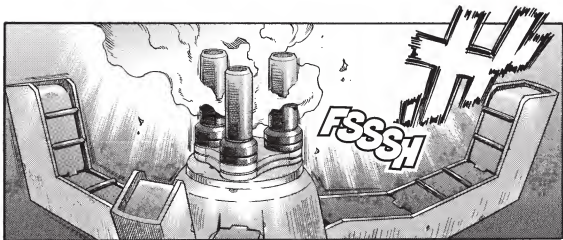
WE
NEED TO
GET HIS
BRAIN
AWAY
FROM
THIS
TANK!!





POOWWWWWWW

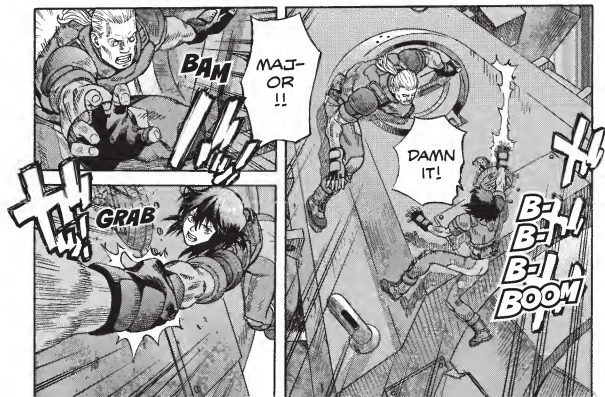


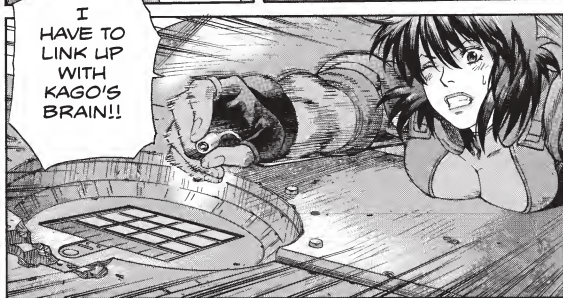
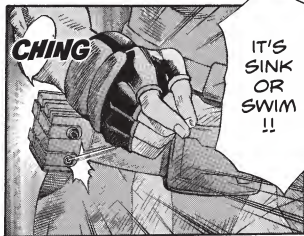


HE IS
TRYING TO
KILL HIS
PARENTS!



WE
NEED TO
OPEN THE
HATCH!!





STO-
OO-
PPP!

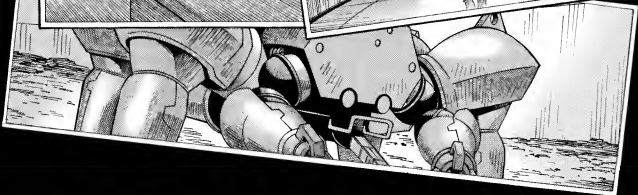
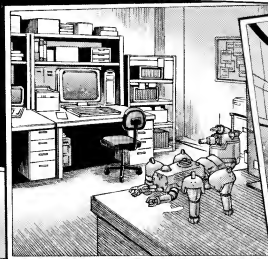
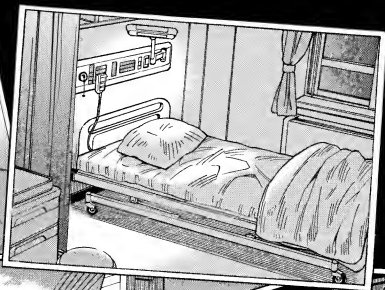
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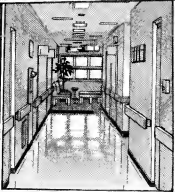
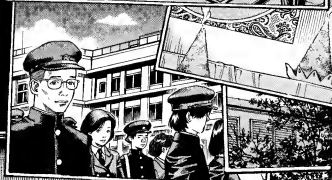
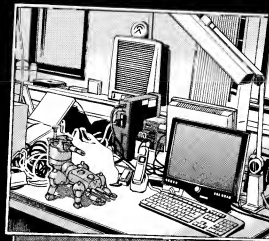
AND
FRY
IT!!

KRSSH

U..
GHHH!

TREMBLE

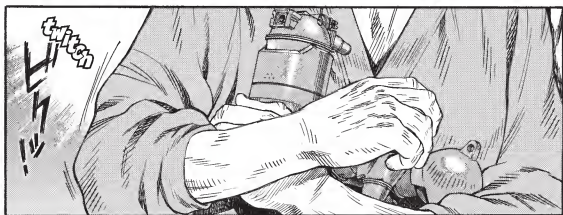
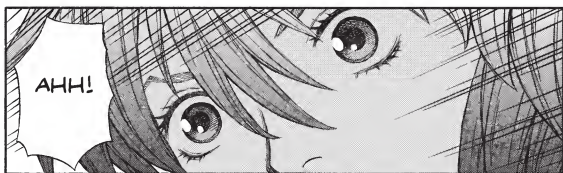


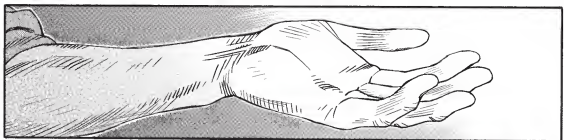
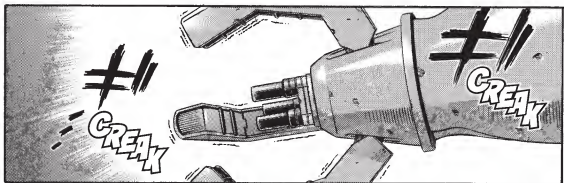
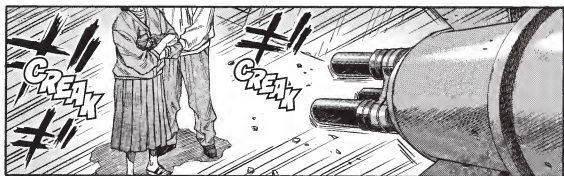


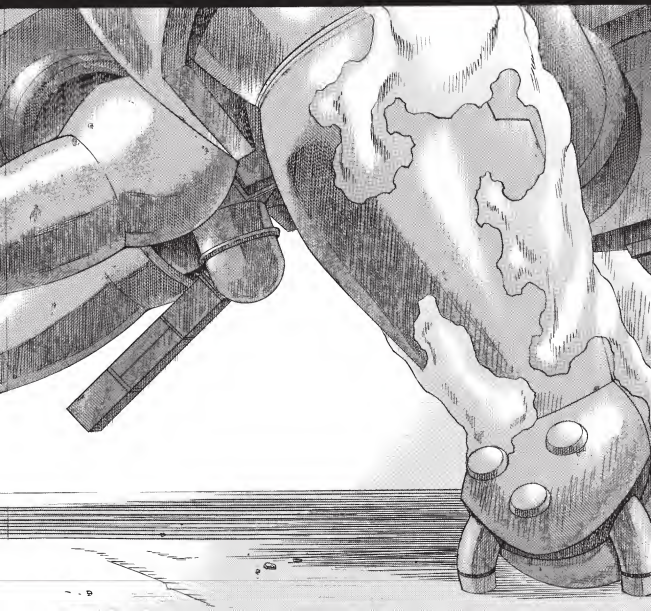
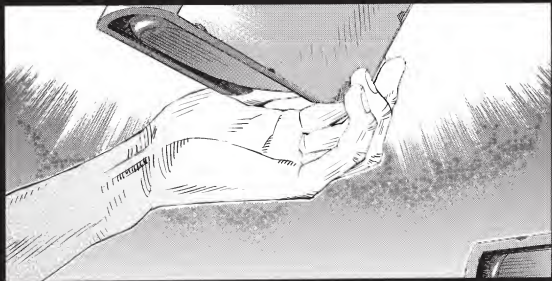


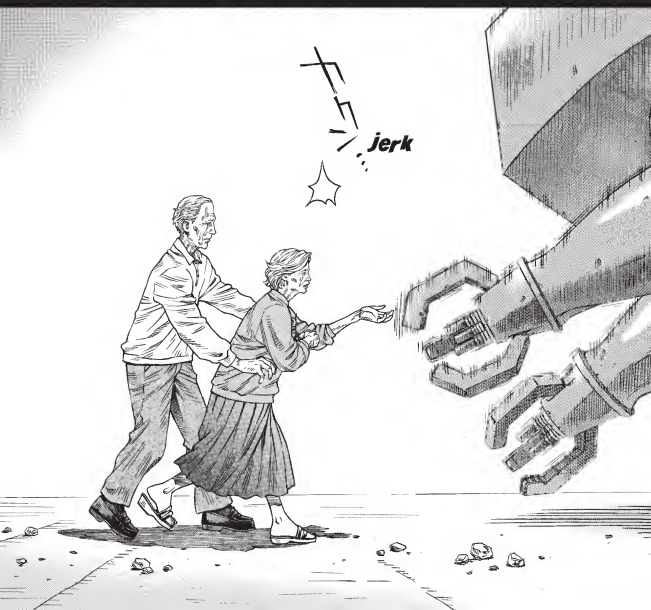
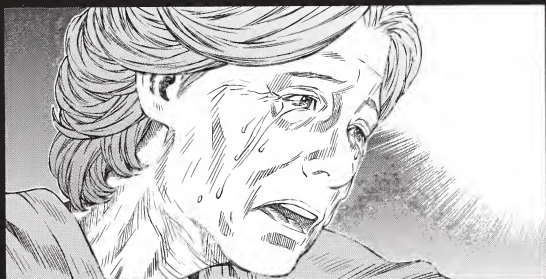


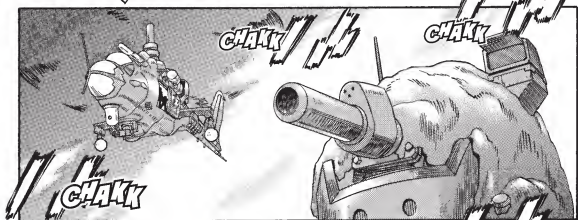
I'M
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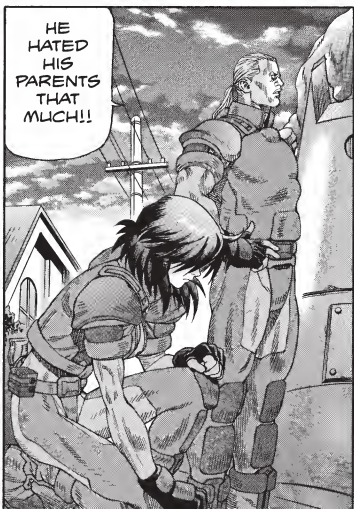
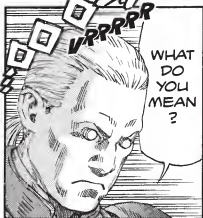
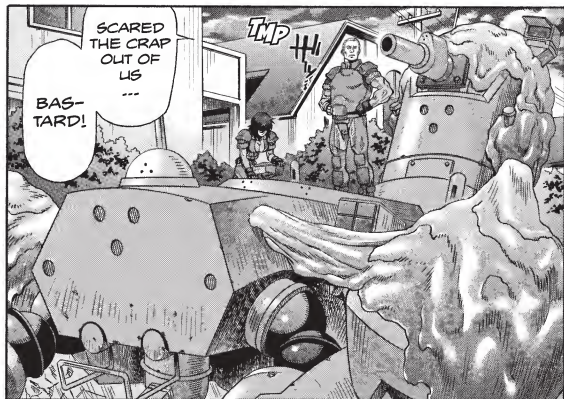


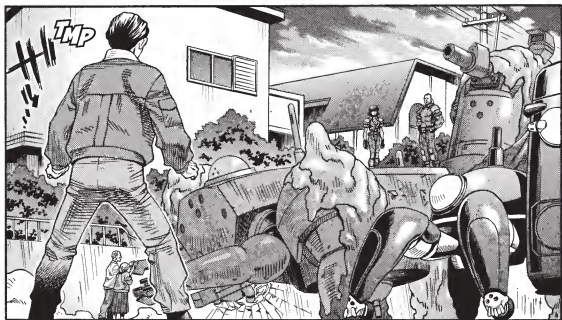
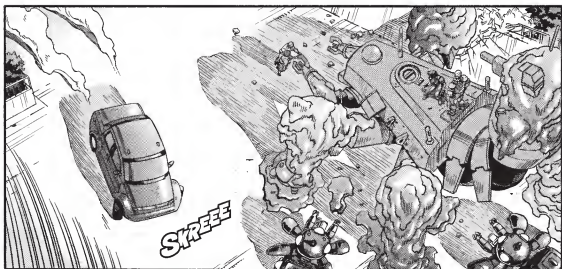


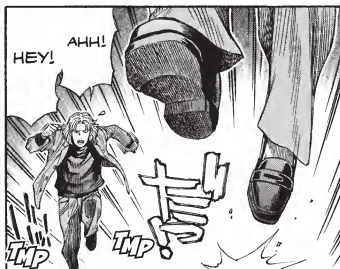
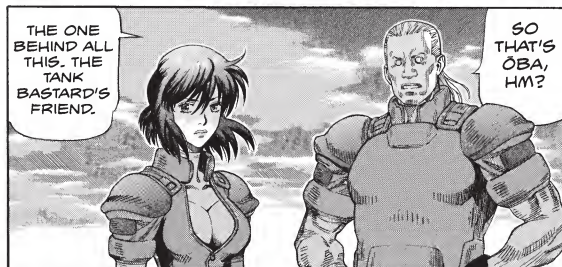


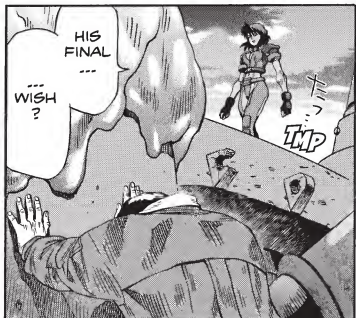
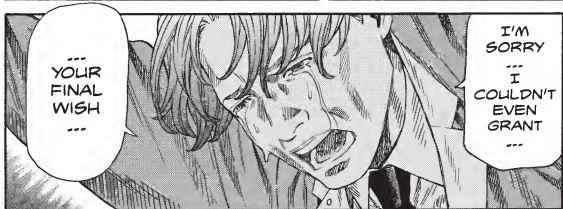










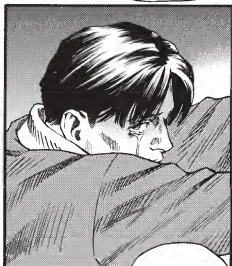




KAGO
WANTED
TO COME
HERE FOR
REVENGE
AGAINST HIS
PARENTS?



WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?!



WHEN I
BURNED
OUT
KAGO'S
BRAIN...

I
FELT IT
FOR ONE
INSTANT



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK OF
MY STEEL
BODY?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
MOM?
DAD?

IT WASN'T
PRIDE

OR VEN-
GEANCE.

IT
WAS A
STRANGE
FEELING

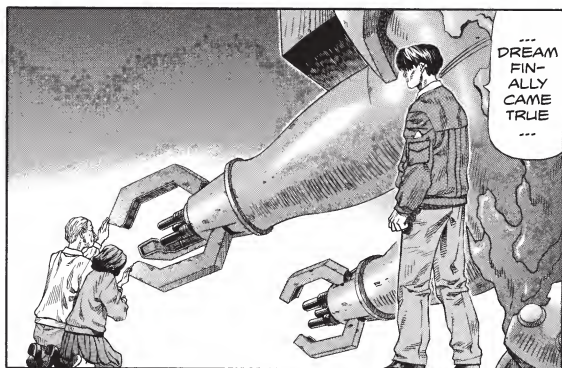


SO
KA-
GO'S



LEFT
ON HIS
BR-
AIN.

IT
WAS
THE
LAST
FEEL-
ING...

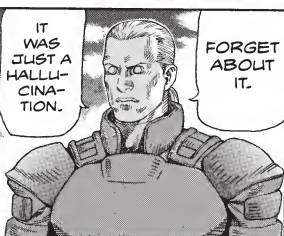


...
DREAM
FINALLY
CAME
TRUE
...



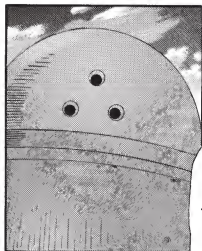
WE'RE
SO
SOR-
RY
...

YOU
HAD
SUCH
A
HARD
LIFE,
TAK-
ESHI
...

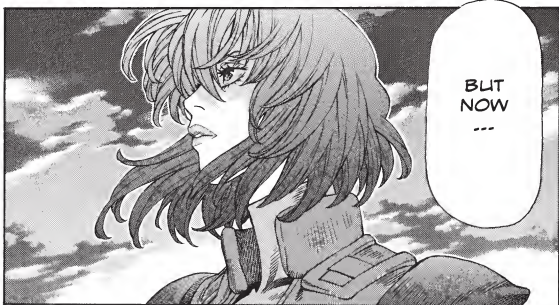
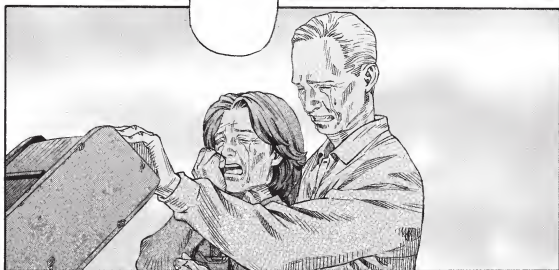
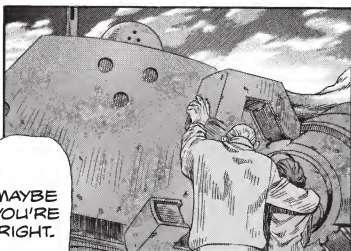


IT
WAS
JUST
A
HALLU-
CINA-
TION.

FORGET
ABOUT
IT.



MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



BUT
NOW

THERE'S
NO WAY
WE'LL
EVER
FIND
OUT
FOR
SURE.

#018 End

MARDOCK

マルドゥック・スクランブル

SCRAMBLE

**Created by
Tow Ubukata**



**Manga by
Yoshitoki Oima**

“I’d rather be dead.”

Rune Balot was a lost girl with nothing to live for. A man named Shell took her in and cared for her...until he tried to murder her. Standing at the precipice of death Rune is saved by Dr. Easter, a private investigator, who uses an experimental procedure known as “Mardock Scramble 09.”

The procedure grants Balot extraordinary abilities. Now, Rune must decide whether to use her new powers to help Dr. Easter bring Shell to justice, or if she even has the will to keep

living a life that’s been broken so badly.



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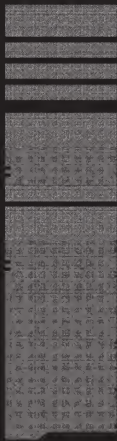
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